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ENGLAND OUR LAST HURDLE

By LAURIE SCHWAB

With three points from two games, Australia is poised to reach the quarter-finals of the world youth championship. But England still stands in the way.

And elimination is still possible.

If Australia loses to England in Sydney tomorrow (Thursday) and if Argentina beats Cameroon by more than one goal, Australia will miss out.

But the lion-hearted Socceroos have fought back furiously in their first two matches.

They came from one goal down to beat world champion Argentina on Saturday and they turned a 1-3 deficit into a 3-3 draw with talented Cameroon in Newcastle on Monday.

While the Australians were doing battle with Cameroon, Argentina and England kept themselves in the running by drawing 1-1 in Sydney.

If they continue fighting the way they have been, the Australians should be able to beat England, which was far from impressive in its 2-0 victory against Cameroon on Saturday.

And who knows, Cameroon may even beat Argentina in the first game tomorrow, putting yet another complexion on this group.

Ebongue, Djonkep and Olie Olie are brilliant forwards capable of ripping apart the best of defences.

However, the only reason they did so against Australia was that there were lapses of concentration in the Australian rearguard.

Coach Les Scheinflug had warned his men about Cameroon and about taking things too lightly. They will have learned their lesson.

Caution and patience will be important against England — and strikers Wallace and Finnigan will have to be watched closely.

Paul Allen shouldn't be underrated either. He may have had a poor match against Cameroon but he hasn't earned his big reputation without justification.

Whichever way it goes, the young Australians have done their country proud, and they have injected life into a competition that looked in danger of dying before it started, largely due to shortage of publicity and the Sydney Cricket Ground farce.

First-round matches had to be moved to the Sports Ground because the light towers at the SCG were ruled unsafe after being battered by strong winds.



Argentinian defender Jorge Gordillo executes a spectacular bicycle kick to clear in front of England's Neil Webb at the Sports Ground on Monday. The game ended in a 1-1 draw. Picture by LES SHORROCK.

Fitting for a minor event

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

750 million people around the globe watched as five dignitaries stood in front of an official dais made up of a table which looked like it belonged to a VSF official with a yearning for cards and an Australian flag which almost had blown away an hour earlier when a helicopter landed.

The occasion: the opening ceremony for the 1981 World Youth Championships for the Coca Cola Cup, the third greatest event in world sport after the Olympic Games and the World Cup proper.

The venue: Melbourne's Olympic Park, renovated to the tune of \$4.45 million.

ASF president Sir Arthur George made a short, sharp speech which finished with his call for three cheers for the Australian team which had defeated Argentina in Sydney about two hours earlier. Even Sir Arthur gave up the "Hip, Hip" bit when his impassioned plea received a feeble response. It wasn't so much that

the Olympic Park crowd lacked patriotism. It seemed more likely that the fans were bewildered by the president of the host country making such a plea when he opened the third biggest event in world sport. Still 750 million looked on.

F.I.F.A. president Joao Havelange used French to officially open the championships. His speech was short and I suppose it was to the point. I don't speak French.

Then Mr Something-or-other proceeded to use up eight minutes of vital satellite time with his speech. Still 750 million looked on. You almost could hear them cheering when someone pulled the plug out and the microphone went dead.

Before this important group approached the dais a handful of youngsters paraded, carrying plaques displaying the names of each of the 16 competing nations. The second-rate signwriting, in black on a simple white background, was visible from about 20 metres away. God knows what a TV close-up revealed to the 750 million still looking on. Cameroon with a big smudge on the bottom loop of the capital "C" perhaps.

The whole affair was small-time, run on an ad hoc basis. Symbolic of soccer in Australia.

SCORES, STANDINGS

Details of the world youth championships:	ERON 3 (Djonkep 2, Olie Olie)
AUSTRALIA 2 (Koussas, Hunter) ARGENTINA 1 (Burchagel)	At International Sports Centre, Newcastle, crowd 13,797.
ENGLAND 2 (Finnigan, Day) CAMEROON 0.	ARGENTINA 1 (Urruh) ENGLAND 1 (Small)
At Sydney Sports Ground, crowd 15,514.	At Sydney Sports Ground, crowd 16,000.
SOUTH KOREA 4 (Soon-Ho Choi 2, Sung-Ho Kwak, Man-Kil Kim) ITALY 1 (Mariani).	Standings:
BRAZIL 1 (Leomir) ROMANIA 1 (Zamfir).	GROUP A
At Olympic Park, crowd 15,500.	Uruguay.....1 0 0 3 0 2
QATAR 1 (Badir Boleal) POLAND 0.	Qatar.....1 0 0 1 0 2
URUGUAY 3 (Baez, Aquilera, De Silva) UNITED STATES 0.	Poland.....0 0 1 0 1 0
At Lang Park, Brisbane, crowd 17,200.	U.S.A.....0 0 1 0 3 0
EGYPT 2 (Amar 2) SPAIN 2 (SA Lopez, S. Nadal Oceana).	GROUP B
WEST GERMANY 1 (Lose) MEXICO 0.	Sth Korea.....1 0 0 4 1 2
At Hindmarsh Stadium, Adelaide, crowd 10,000.	Brazil.....0 1 0 2 2 1
AUSTRALIA 3 (Koussas 2 incl. pen., Mitchell) CAM-	Romania.....0 1 0 1 1 1
	Italy.....0 0 1 1 4 0
	GROUP C
	W. Germany.....1 0 0 1 0 2
	Spain.....0 1 0 2 2 1
	Egypt.....0 1 0 2 2 1
	Mexico.....0 0 1 0 1 0
	GROUP D
	England.....1 1 0 3 1 3
	Australia.....1 1 0 5 4 3
	Argentina.....0 1 1 2 3 1
	Cameroon.....0 1 1 3 5 1

Lessons for the Press and Govt., Ebongue sparkles

Australian soccer hasn't had much to cheer about this year, so the explosion of joy that greeted the young Socceroos' valiant and victorious effort against Argentina was understandable.

It was a rare moment to savour.

Forgotten for the moment was the disaster which Rudi Gutendorf was, the World Cup team's humiliation suffered at the hands of a not overly-talented New Zealand, the shrinking crowds and financial deficits of major clubs, the loss of Philips' sponsorship — the list is lengthy, indeed. It was, therefore, very refreshing to see our youngsters restore some of the gloss which had disappeared.

Credit is due to Les Scheinflug, who obviously has managed to instil a good measure of pride and determination in his youthful charges. The coach, of course, is lucky to some extent in that he has young minds to mould, without — for the moment — any of the "star" pretensions of the senior side.

In this area the Australian sporting media has a

major role to play in the future.

Do we want these kids to go on to bigger and better things? Or are the same mistakes going to be made again, with the Kays, Mitchells and Hunters to be praised up to the high heavens, only to be rubbished when they fail to live up to exaggerated expectations?

To date this has been the pattern: it is high time it was changed.

There were many real fears about the ability of Australia to host an event as complex as the World Youth Championships. However, no one could have foreseen the last minute disaster which befell the organisers with the cancellation of matches at the Sydney Cricket Ground.

Sir Arthur George is absolutely correct in stating that it is the fault of the

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By Peter
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Giant killer Korea rocks the Italians

MATCH RATING:

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Korea Rep. 4
Italy 1

Scorers: Korea: Choi Soon Ho 12th and 29th, Kwak Sung Ho 7th, Lee Kyung Nam 87th.
Italy: Pietro Mariani 78th.
Venue: Olympic Park.
Crowd: 16,500.

Referee: Gaston Castro (Chile) 9.

KOREA: Choi In Young 8, Jun Jing Sun 8 (in), Choi Chul Hee 69th, Baek Chi Soo 8, Jun Kwang Woon 8, Kim Sung Kee 8, Kim Sam Soo 8 (Kang Duk Soo 52nd 8), Kwak Sung Ho 9, Kim Kyung Ho 9, Lee Kyung Nam 8, Choi Soon Ho 10, Kim Suk Won 8.
ITALY: Riccietelli 6, Bruno 5, Icardi 6, Manzo 6, Prognia 8, Mariani 6, Galdieri 6 (Pari 67th), Cinello 6, Fontanini 6, Gamberini 7, Dona 6.

Saturday, October 3, the day everybody associated with soccer is waiting for the 1981 World Youth Cup gets underway.

Unfortunately the media advertising has been very poor but we still manage to draw around 15,000 people. I'm sure that with the correct publicity there could have been a full house.

The conditions, from a player's point of view, are great. The ground is in good condition, probably the best I have ever seen it, and the weather is not too cold.

The opening day is in Mel-

bourne and spectators still are coming in to see the best young players from all over the world, and maybe to compare them with their sons, to find out how good they are or how good they should be.

The first game is Italy v Korea. Italy are the hot favorites and Korea the "underdogs". Not too much is known about the Koreans but who cares? No-one seems to worry about them anyway.

The Italian manager seems to think Rumania is the team to beat, but I'm sure everybody is worried about Brazil, the fourth team in the group.

The Korean manager says his side is here hoping to learn as much as possible about the game but also to do its very best.

I went to see the Koreans train during the week and my first impression was that they were an average team. I must be honest and say I did not think too much of them. They seemed very sharp and quick but not too strong, seeing that most of them are fairly small. But I soon changed my mind on Saturday night. I can assure you and I think I might not have been the only one.

I went downstairs before the game to see the young men getting prepared. The tension is great. You can feel it just being there with them. Everybody is getting into their gear knowing that the hand work of the last two years has been for tonight and the rest of the week. They know they must produce the goods in the next 90 minutes.

Italy seems to be confident and sure of itself, warming up



By
**ALAN
DAVIDSON**

in a professional manner. It's the first time I have seen the Italians and some of them are quite big and seem to be very strong.

Being down there with the players I realized how dearly I wished to play in this Youth Cup. It brought back some fond memories when in the last World Youth Cup the young Aussies were doing battle against Paraguay and Israel in Paraguay.

I remember the great feeling then, playing in front of 70,000 people and not being able to hear your team mate speak when lining up in front of the crowd.

Anyway, everybody is waiting for the teams to come out onto Olympic Park. Suddenly you hear the roars from the crowd as the players walk out onto the ground.

It was obvious the Italians

had a large following with red, white and green flag's everywhere and people shouting and cheering their team on.

But the Koreans too have a following. Maybe not as big as the Italians but still determined to make its presence felt.

The teams lined up in front of the grandstand and went through the formal proceedings before they warmed up.

Italy seemed very skilful and fairly strong as it warmed up. The Korea all met on the field in a huddle. They had their last motivation talk, perhaps telling each other they would win together or go down together as a team. When they started to warm-up they all seemed to be very sharp and fit.

In the early minutes both sides were very tense. Both team's were tackling hard, not giving anything away. It was obvious that the Koreans' game was based on speed and sharpness, passing quickly and supporting quickly.

The Italians seemed to be the stronger physically and were passing the ball around with some good individual skills. It did not take long for teams to start attacking. In the fourth minute Italy went down the left flank to cross early only to see Baek Chi Soo head clear and a strong shot from Manzo flashed just wide.

Italy is playing a lot through Galdieri in the early stages. He starts another attack with Gamberini receiving the ball on the right and crossing to see another scramble in the Korean goalmouth.

In the 7th minute the ball came out at the Korean defence and worked its way to the left side where it was crossed to find Choi Soon Ho. He knocked it down to Kwak Sung Ho who shot first time from 20 metres and a bad mistake by Riccietelli in goal, allowing the ball to go underneath him, gave the Koreans an early lead.

Everytime the Italians attacked the Koreans were very quick to set up the counter attack. Time and again Korea pushed out of defence very quickly, always finding a free man in midfield with many supporting players coming through from deep positions to create havoc with the Italian defence.

Kwak Sung Ho was the man mostly finding the space in midfield and causing the damage there. Choi Soon Ho up front, was running riot, looking dangerous every time he was in possession.

The Koreans are so quick and sharp they are not letting the Italians have any time to do anything. They are so disciplined that after every attack everybody gets behind the ball except for Soon Ho, which makes it so hard for the Italians to break through Korea's defensive zone.

In the 12th minute Korea is quick out of defence and another great early ball from the midfield puts Soon Ho through on his own as most of the Italian defenders appeal for offside. Soon Ho rounds the keeper and steadies to score a brilliant goal.

The game was turning into end to end stuff but the Italians' final pass let them down.

In the 13th minute Dario Dona crossed deep from the left flank to find Cinello at the far post who controlled well and shot from 10 metres but Choi In Young pulled off a great save.

Korea again looking dangerous in the 16m creating that



The captains exchange pennants and best wishes before the game — Giuseppe Galdieri (left) of Italy and Choi Soon Ho of South Korea. Pictures by LES SHORROCK.



Choi Soon Ho, scorer of two of Korea's four goals, brings the ball down in front of Italy's Domenico Prognia.

free midfielder to find Soon Ho 10 to shoot from 20m to test the Italian goalkeeper. Because they push the ball around so quick and accurate they have many options in which made it easier, as well as the Italian defence is starting to look suspected.

Italy breaks away down the right in the 24th minute and a good cross from Gamberini finds Prognia & narrowly missing from six metres.

By this time the tackling was starting to get pretty hard and vicious tackle from Bruno on Kwang Woon brought out the first yellow card. That's in the 28th minute. Yet the hand tackling did not worry the Koreans. It just made them play harder. Although inferior in size they started to let the Italians know that they also could tackle hard.

Soon Ho always made sure he showed himself to his team mates, the sign of a good target man. His ability to dribble and shoot enabled him to score another fine goal in the 29th minute. His strong shot from 20 metres took a slight deflection of Prognia and rocketed into the bottom right hand corner of goal.

Korea's three goal lead surprised everybody. Maybe even

the Koreans. Everybody was now so impressed with Korea's football that a lot of the fans had changed their allegiance.

The second half started with very strong tackling from the Italians. They probably were told that every 50-50 ball must be Italian ball.

I was wondering at this stage whether the Koreans could keep up the pace they had shown in the first half because usually the Asian teams fade away in the second half. I wondered if this could be the case tonight.

Italy needed an early goal to stay in the match and I thought they might have scored when Jun Jing Sun made a bad mistake and allowed Cinello in on the left wing to cut the ball back for a first time shot from Mariani. But he was denied by another great save by Choi In

Young in goal for Korea. To date he had been faultless and saved the Koreans quite a few times.

The Koreans were showing some great skills and teamwork. In the 60th minute they play three one-twins to put Kim Kyung Ho through with the keeper to beat but he shot wide under pressure.

Both sides were beginning to tire and many of the players were suffering cramp because of the famous first half spell.

Kwak Sung Ho received the ball about 25 metres from goal and let loose with a thundering shot, testing the Italian goalkeeper again. Minutes later he again shot from 30 metres. The ball was heading straight for the top left hand corner, but there was another good save from Riccietelli. Kwak Sung Ho is only a small player but after his goal and these two shots he has shown he sure can hit a ball.

The Italians still were finding it very hard to penetrate the Koreans until the 78th minute when sub-Pari went down the left wing, beat Choi Chul Hee and drove a low cross to the rear post. Choi In Young dropped the ball allowing Pietro Mariani to slam it into the top corner from only four metres out.

The players were showing signs of tiredness with sloppy passing and tempers starting to fray. In the 82nd minute Lee Kyung Nam was tackled but retaliated. A small group of players began to scuffle but only Lee Kyung Nam's name went into the book.

The last goal of the game came in the 87th minute.

Choi Soon Ho sent a great ball through two Italian defenders to put Lee Kyung Nam through. He made no mistake to make the final score 4-1 for Korea.

Choi Soon Ho, the Korean, captain, played a match winning role. Chilean referee Gaston Castro did a fine job and had control of the game right throughout.

Korea had come from being a team again no-one knew anything about to being the most talked about team in the Melbourne group on Saturday night. An absolutely fantastic effort by the small, nippy Koreans.

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Koussas goals then Aussies go for kill

Gutsy fightback after bad penalty decision

MATCH RATING:
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Australia 2
Argentina 1

Scorers: Burruchaga (Arg.)
penalty 60th; Koussas (Aust.)
80th, Hunter (Aust.) 90th.
Venue: Sydney Sports
Ground.
Crowd: 15,814.
Referee: Alojz Jargus (Pol-
land) 7.

Cautions: Burruchaga (Arg.),
Martino (Arg.), Clausen (Arg.).
AUSTRALIA: Ahearn 7 —
Wheatley 8, Blair 9, Crino 9,
Tredinnick 7, Lee 6, Rasko-
poulos 7, Kay 9, Incantulupo
(Hunter 6th) — Mitchell 8,
Koussas 7 (Patikas 81st).
ARGENTINA: Goycochea 7
Clausen 7, Giovagnoli 7,
Burruchaga 8, Gordillo 8 —



By
PETER
KATHOLOS

Morresi 7, Martino 8 (Urruti
62nd.), Tapia 7 — Garcia 7,
Borrelli 7 (Cochi 73rd), Men-
doza 8.

What a proud day for Australian soccer!
What a day for Paul Kay. He had some game,
the little fellow.

I hoped like everyone else that the Aussies would win this one, but I didn't really believe it. I mean, how could we possibly beat the world champions — the country of Maradona?

When Argentina got a penalty — what a shocking decision that was — I felt as shattered as the players must have felt, and I really thought it was all over.

But the Aussies proved me wrong. God, how they fought! Argentina — out there on the park — looked way below its high rating in the world. In every department except sheer ball skill, Australia was Argentina's equal. And in fighting spirit and strength we were far ahead of them.

Kay was the star. He never stopped running, he controlled play really well, and he always tried to win time for his team mates. It was very early in the game that Carlos Mendoza, out on the left wing, showed he would be the major threat to the Australian defence.

Robbie Wheatley was having a hard time with him in the first half, and I really thought coach Les Scheinflug would take him off and bring on David Skeen to mark Mendoza, because Skeen is a Bert Vogt type. He really sticks close to his man.

Wheatley stayed on though, and he started playing Mendoza tighter and harder. Wheatley really took over in the second half. It was a great comeback.

From the start, it was obvious that the Aussies would make full use of Steve Blair's height at corners and free kicks. Blair was coming up for headers at the far post and so early as the second minute, he brought a good save from goalkeeper Sergio Goycochea with a header from Peter Raskopoulos's free kick.

And a minute later we actually had the ball in the net! Grant Lee played a through ball for Raskopoulos who collided with the goalkeeper, the ball ran loose and Dave Mitchell stuck it away, but the referee reckoned it was a foul on the keeper, so he disallowed it.

We had another chance a couple of moments later. Mitchell headed down a cross from Raskopoulos to Mark Koussas who missed from a few meters, but Koussas was offside anyway. Five minutes had gone by and Australia was showing Argentina how to play! It was a real surprise.

I'm sitting there amazed, thinking this one's going to be really hard for Argentina.

But the Argentinians are no dummies. Centre forward Enrique Borrelli gets the ball in a fast Argentinian break, gets into the box but shoots over the top as the Aussies are scrambling back desperately to cover.

One break, and the Argentinians look dangerous. This could be our downfall — pushing up too much and leaving ourselves open.

Down in the corner Fabio Incantulupo clobbers the right back, Nestor Clausen. Fabio was hit by Clausen earlier. He's got his own back now.

I'm getting a bit worried now. The longer the game goes on, the worse it's going to get for us. The Argentinians will get into the game sooner or later, and then it could be curtains.

Indeed, Mendoza gives the first glimpse of what could happen if we're not more careful. He dummies to go down the line, cuts back inside past Wheatley, but is blocked by Blair. A good player, this Mendoza.

Argentina's running off the ball very well when they attack, and Mendoza and Carlos Tapia are bringing off some great combinations down the left.

Then Burruchaga comes out of defence with a great run, slips it through for Mendoza who goes inside and feeds Tapia moving into the box, but goalkeeper Glen Ahearn gets down to stop the move.

Australia's not doing well on the flanks. We're trying to go through the middle too much.

Free kicks and corners are our best bet. Oscar Crino takes the next free kick — a really good, powerful one, but it's just wide.

Clausen clobbers Incantulupo this time. Incantulupo has got past the full back, so Clausen just takes away his legs. Having already been shown the yellow card, Clausen should be off, but the ref only looks at his number.

I like the left back, Jorge Gordillo. He does an Alan Davidson, bringing the ball past heads of players into attack and then giving it to Tapia who pushes it into the open for Claudio Garcia. A good moment for Argentina. Ahearn faces Garcia and comes at him.

TOM ANDERSON Even better than '74

The young Socceroos' victory over world champions Argentina was the greatest ever achieved by an Australian team in the international arena.

It eclipsed the great feats achieved by the Socceroos in 1973 when they qualified for the World Cup finals and anything since and before that time.

I was privileged to be in Hong Kong the night the Socceroos defeated South Korea to win through to the 1974 World Cup finals in Germany.

This was a marvellous and unforgettable occasion and a memory I will always cherish. But last Saturday's victory over Argentina at the Sydney Sports ground was even better.

It was a moment that not only brought back the credibility to soccer in this country but also lifted the status of Australian sport throughout the world.

Let's face it, following the floodlight fiasco at the Sydney Cricket Ground — the "fawty towers" establishment of Australian sport — a bad loss to the Argentinians would have killed the whole youth championships.

Disillusionment would have taken over and the whole show would have fizzled out into a non-event.

Now, with this magnificent win over the world champions, the series is alive and interesting as at a peak.

After beating the best in the world the next results for our young team are a bonus.

I was a bit amazed at reading a report on Monday morning that our magnificent victory was achieved on enthusiasm and spirit.

Garcia tried to lift it over Ahearn, just under the bar, but it's too high.

The ref gives Argentina a big fright when he takes out the red card for Gerardo Martino who has chopped down Mitchell. It's a mistake though. He puts the red card back and brings out the yellow one.

Argentina's worked out our free kick strategy now. They're watching Blair very carefully every time he comes up.

Half time and we're still in it. Great. At least we're not behind. In fact, I reckon we should be leading.

Koussas has not been effective, but he's capable of taking any half-chance, so he should stay on. Skeen should take Mendoza, I think, and maybe Jim Patikas can come on for Grant Lee later in the game.

Koussas has a bad miss just after half time, getting the ball from Mitchell who has robbed Clausen.

In the 56th minute Koussas pounces on a loose ball but his shot is deflected for a corner. Kay takes it — he's taking all of them and doing a great job with them — and it goes to Mitchell who's flying like a jumbo jet. Unfortunately the header goes over the bar.

Argentina is finding no way in for an effective shot, so the coach, Roberto Saporiti, decides to make a change. Tapia comes off and Juan Urruti, wearing No. 16, comes into attack.

Ian Hunter has been warming up for a while, and in the 64th minute Scheinflug brings him on for Incantulupo. Hunter goes to the right side and Lee switches over to the left. Scheinflug is hoping to use Lee's speed. He hasn't shown it yet.

The inclusion of Urruti pays dividends for Argentina in the 68th minute when he takes a dive against Blair and bluffs the ref into awarding him a penalty.

The Argentinians are wrapt. They're kissing Urruti while he's still lying on the ground.

Burruchaga comes up for the penalty kick and makes no mistake. Argentina lead 1-0, and Australia looks stuffed, quite frankly.

I want to see us come back but now I don't really believe we can, even though Raskopoulos just misses with a dipping free kick.

Argentina makes another change, taking off centre forward Borrelli and bringing on Jorge Cochi.

I'm looking at the negative side of our performance now, and I realise that we've hardly ever got into the box on the ground and that we're dangerous only in the air.

But I'm disappointed, I'm feeling down. There's really no real reason to criticise, because we've been playing well. The boys are giving it everything they've got.

And, hey, look at that, they're getting better. Hell, they're beating all of a sudden. What's going on?

About 15 minutes to go and we're all over Argentina. We're going for blood. The Latins are panicking badly. They're kicking the ball anywhere.

Kay plays another of his superb free kicks and there's Hunter jumping high, sending the ball flashing just over.

Who says we're finished?

Another free kick by Paul Kay. Mitchell's up for the header, it's blocked; in fact it looks like someone's handled the ball. Ref says no, it runs loose, Koussas nips in and it's a goal. Koussas has levelled! Unbelievable. Scheinflug takes Koussas off as hundreds of fans rush onto the pitch in ecstasy. It's Patikas who comes on as sub.

Ten minutes to go.

The Aussies are sensing victory.

Big Crino — what a skillful player he is — storms out of defence with the ball, gets past a few Argentinians and has a crack, but it's blocked. Hunter gets the rebound but it's a bit wide of him to control it properly, and so he can't shoot effectively.

Finally we see a flash of Lee's speed on a run down the left wing. He zooms past Clausen and whips over a quick cross for Mitchell who throws himself full length like a battering ram, for a spectacular header that misses narrowly.

Then Crino plays a brilliant forward ball to the head of Hunter who's foiled by Goycochea.

And then, victory! What a blast!

The ball's high, played by a defender. Mitchell gets up to challenge for it and wins it. Goycochea is in front of him, expecting the worst by praying he'll save it. Mitchell doesn't want to take the chance. Hunter's next to him, calling: "Mitch, Mitch." Mitchell slips it square to Hunter who has no trouble taking it in from about three metres.

Bedlam follows. Thousands of people rush onto the pitch whooping it up. There should be injury time, but suddenly the ref calls it off. At first we think he's waiting for the crowd to disperse but no, the game actually is over.

Australia has beaten Argentina, the world champs defending the title they won in 1979.

Some of our guys are crying in the dressing rooms. Don't blame them. I would too.

— with LAURIE SCHWAB



Paul Kay, 19, is a tenacious midfield player whose approach evokes the saying "It's not the size of the man in the fight that matters but the size of the fight in the man."

To off-set his lack of height (5ft 7ins) and weight (9st 7lb) he works at the muscle-hardening occupation of bricklaying for his Scottish-born father.

Paul says: "I'm not a big bloke and this sort of work helps. Besides, my main ambition is to succeed as a soccer player and working for Dad I can get all the time off I need."

The Kays live at Kana-hooka, near Wollongong, NSW, and Paul signed up this year with the local PSL side Wollongong Wolves.

He inherited a love of the sport from his father who arrived from Scotland as a confirmed soccer fanatic at the age of 11.

Young Paul began his career as a 4-year-old centre forward for Dapto. He switched to midfield when he was nine and graduated to State League team Wollongong City when he was 13.

His high workrate and fiercely competitive temperament marked him as a player out of the ordinary and by the time he was 15 he was playing for St. George.

He made the 1979 youth squad and played in the Coca-Cola Cup elimination series in Paraguay. "I was

a very young player and it was excellent experience," he said. "I played three games, two of them as a substitute, and was quite happy with my form."

Paul is interested in all sports and enjoys playing squash.

Soccer is a game, he feels, in which the requirements of skill and physical power need to be evenly balanced to bring success.

He considers the Coca-Cola Cup to be a vital step in the progress of Australian soccer.

"We've beaten Argentina and we'll give England a lot to think about and if we make it through to the quarter-finals, then anything can happen."

"Our performances are going to have a lot of impact on the future of the game here."

Paul Kay

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Kay stars again in fight back

MATCH RATING:

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**Australia 3
Cameroon 3**

Scorers, Aust: Mitchell 11th., Koussas 53rd. & pen. 78th.; Cam.: Djonkep 37th. & 52nd., Olie Olie 17th.

Venue: International Sports Centre, Newcastle. Crowd: 13,797. Referee: Toros Kibritjian (US) 6.

Cautions: Nyamsi Tobo Omer (C), Kingue (C), Olie Olie (C).

AUSTRALIA: Ahearn 6 — Wheatley 7, Crino 8, Blair 8, Tredinnick 7 — Lee 7 (Hunter 7 half time), Raskopoulos 7, Kay 8, Incantolupo 6 (Patikas 74th.) — Mitchell 8, Koussas 7.

CAMEROON: Pierre Yombo 6 — Onana Esola 6, Nji 7, Nyamsi Tobo

Omer 7, Kingue 7 — Belinga Belinga 6, Macky 7, Mfede 8 (Eyobo 71st.) — Olie Olie 8, Ebongue 8, Djonkep 8.

Australia once again fought back from the brink of defeat, pulling itself out of the mire after trailing 1-3.

Again it showed that fierce determination which gave it a 2-1 victory over Argentina.

Cameroon looked to have the game sewn up when Djonkep broke away, ran almost the length of the field and scored with a top shot seven minutes into the second half.

But a minute later, the

determination of Paul Kay got Australia moving again. He got down the right, crossed to the far post, the goalie misjudged it, Dave Mitchell headed it back inside and Mark Koussas was there to make it 3-2.

Then Australia tightened the screws.

But the equaliser can be described only as lucky.

Koussas was through, and he was brought down OUTSIDE the penalty area. At least a foot outside.

The ref however, wasn't up with the play, and he gave a penalty, which was disputed hotly by Cameroon. Koussas took it and equalised at 3-3.

Australia did however, deserve the draw.

On another occasion it really did deserve a penalty. Mitchell was set at the far post, and was unce-



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remotely dumped by a defender.

Cameroon started slowly, and it was Australia that struck first in the seventh minute. Peter Raskopoulos played him a good ball, Mitchell went on a run and found a lot of space to finish off well.

It looked like Australia would win in a canter but in the 17th. minute good

work by Djonkep on the left resulted in a cross to Olie Olie who deceived goalkeeper Glen Ahearn with a low 30-metre drive. Ahearn should have got that one.

In the 37th. minute Ebongue got a break, played an unorthodox ball to Djonkep and he scored in a flash to make it 2-1 at half time.

Australia was still in it, though, but slow build-ups let them down.

Cameroon in contrast, built up quickly, with first-time passes and quick acceleration near goal.

At the Press conference afterwards, Australian coach Les Scheinflug said he was well pleased with his team but that he would have to sharpen up the players before Thursday's game against England.

He stressed he was pleased with the way the local crowds had supported the Australian team.

Cameroon's Yugoslav coach Rade Ognjanovic was quite happy but he was highly critical of the referee over having given the penalty that tied the score. He was doubly upset because Cameroon had had a goal disallowed against England two days earlier.

Australia's tactics were the same as they had been against Argentina, but as in that game, we were rather ineffective on the flanks.

It was only after Ian Hunter had come on that we started doing things out wide.

The way I see it, we have to attack the ball from the outset and we have to pressurise all the time, otherwise we don't look all that good. That didn't happen until we got our second goal.

Once again the team revolved around Paul Kay.

When he got moving, Australia did too.

Peter Raskopoulos got through quite a bit of purely defensive work, but I feel we're not getting the best out of him. Let's hope we do against England.

The centre backs — Oscar Crino and Steve Blair — played extremely well.

I was disappointed however with Ahearn. Cameroon had four shots at goal and scored from three.

At least he should have saved that long shot.

Ebongue was great again for Cameroon, and Djonkep and Olie Olie weren't far behind him.

In closing, a word about Crino. He's a highly skillful, very imaginative player. Every time he pushes up from the back four, Australia looks a class better than usual.

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From page one

State of NSW that there isn't one suitable alternative venue available — and let's face it, even the SCG, with its hodge-podge of old and new stands not to mention the rather agricultural surroundings of "The Hill", isn't anything to boast about.

Does anyone still recall the promises and platitudes which poured forth in the wake of the near riots of the Cosmos visit to the Showground? How many more public relations fiascos are needed before something is done by the Government?

How much more money is going to be poured in prize money for obscure race meetings instead of financing the facilities a city the size of Sydney needed some 20 years ago?

Do we have to wait until the towers at the SCG do come tumbling down?

The organising committee could not do anything about the S.C.G. fiasco.

Nor could it help in avoiding the Cameroon Squad's total disregard of the rules in not providing the correct numbering for their players.

But there were numerous other embarrassing and exasperating occurrences which, on the first day, threatened disaster, especially in the area of Press relations and working conditions.

The media has been split into two groups by some arbitrary method employed by the accreditation committee.

One wonders what this committee's qualifications were and whether they asked for advice from the media groups seeking accreditation.

Ugly scenes developed right from the start as pressmen in the less favoured group arrived at the ground, only to be told there wasn't an area set aside for them to sit in. Nor was there much concern shown by A.S.F. officials, or Sports Ground staff.

Some of this group were not from the ethnic press, who by now are getting used to the snubs and insults from the A.S.F. hierarchy.

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They included journalists from far-flung corners of the globe, including a rather bemused gentleman from an African magazine. As for information services, they were non-existent.

No team line-ups were handed out, so we tried to follow the public announcer.

When he only named 10 England players and all the wrong numbers for the Cameroon, naturally I tried to check with him.

For my troubles in trying to do what should have been done for us in the first place, I had to put up with physical attempts by an obnoxious official quoting "international rules" to prevent me from gaining access to information vital in carrying out my work.

The whole world is watching — and it's not impressed by what has been happening to date.

I have worked at Olympic and Commonwealth Games in recent years and have received more help, understanding and co-operation at those infinitely more complex events than at the current championship — or most local games for that matter.

If the A.S.F. wonders about the bad Press it receives from time to time, and wants to know why, ask the poor Pressmen.

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More amusing, but just as embarrassing was the split-up in pre-match ceremonies when the Cameroonians were infuriated by the playing of "Deutschland uber Alles" instead of their own national anthem.

To the best of my knowledge Germany has not reinvented the colony they lost to the French and the Brits in 1916, but news does take time to travel.

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I give you three Willie Murrays for one Ernest Ebongue. Ebongue who?

You may well ask.

I am talking, of course, about Cameroon's incandescent striker Ernest Ebongue, a solid 72 kilograms of havoc and destruction in the middle of the England defence last Saturday.

Makes you wonder why our major clubs still insist on importing has-beens and never-beens from the British Isles, instead of looking for new talent in Asia and Africa.

Japanese and South Korean players have made their mark in Germany, Portugal found Angola and Mozambique a gold mine, while France for many years has drawn on its former colonies in Africa.

This year even the Italian First Division has seen the appearance of a player from the Ivory Coast.

Now that we are in the \$25,000 to \$40,000 bracket for players in the Australian Soccer League, these brilliant Africans and Asians are well within the reach of our clubs.

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And just one brief word about England's youngsters. They are displaying all the shortcomings of their seniors without most of the redeeming characteristics.

Not only are they short on skills but also on verve and speed.

A major improvement is needed by their players if England is to make any sort of impression on this tournament.

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Now, I don't want to be a wet blanket, and the young

socceroos were brilliant in their victory, but let us not overestimate the capabilities of these Argentinians.

The team in Australia right now is not the team which won the senior World Cup in 1978.

Nor is it even the squad which grabbed the Youth World Championship in Japan two years ago.

You can bet your bottom dollar that Argentine national coach Cesar Menotti is well aware of this fact, and that is why he hastened to distance himself from the team's current attempt at defending the title their country holds.

There is no Diego Maradona in this team.

Consequently Menotti has prudently declined to accompany the players to Australia — although careful to let it be known that should they reach the final, he will be on a fast plane to Sydney.

After all, it is one thing being linked to a bunch of unknowns and quite another matter basking in the possible glory reflected by their performance at a later date.

And let us remember that this Argentine squad was eliminated in the South American preliminaries and only managed to qualify through a second bite at the cherry against Israel and New Zealand.

Even then — in the familiar surroundings of Buenos Aires — they could only score the narrowest wins against two nations far from the elite level of world soccer.



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IT'S WORLD WAR THREE

MATCH RATING:

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England 1
Argentina 1

Scorers: England: Small
78th. Argentina: Urruti 56th.
Ground: Sydney Sports
Ground.

Crowd: 18,000.
Referee: Gianfranco Men-
egoli (Italy) 8.
ENGLAND: Kendall 8 —
Crosby 7, Robson 7, Banfield
8, Greenall 7 — Allen 8, Peake
7, Webb 7, Finnigan 9 —
Small 8, Wallace 7.

ARGENTINA: Goycochea 7
— Clausen 7, Giovinetti 7,
Palermo 7, Gordillo 8 —
Parades 7, Burruchaga 7 (Mar-
ried 87th.), Cechi 8 — Men-
doza 8, Garcia 7, Urruti 8.
What a battle. On and off
the field.

The players of both sides got
stuck into each other through-
out this really physically de-
manding clash.

The crowd wasn't to be out-
done. It got into the act during
the half time break when World
War Three erupted after the
match. The half time donny-
brook involved about 100 rival
supporters. It all started when
a group of English fans
jumped the fence, ran across
to the Argentinian contingent
and gave them a belt of "Eng-
land, England!"

The Argentinians jumped
the fence and replied with a
few belts of a different kind
and it was on for young and
old.

As the fans streamed out of
the Sports Ground after the
match the chants started up
again. So did the fighting.
Fiercer than before.

It was really colorful stuff.
The fans took the whole thing
to heart. They were there to

cheer on their country and that
was that.

England played a lot better
than in its first game against
Cameroon and I reckon it's
going to qualify for the quarter
finals along with the Aussie
boys.

I think Argentina's gone.
Apart from a few individual
flashes of brilliance from guys
like Carlos Mendoza it couldn't
really sustain any long periods
of good team play.

England kept grinding away
and overall was the better
team.

It was a game of two halves.
Argentina won the first half
and England was better in the
second 45 minutes.

There were a lot of fouls in
the first half. The first good
run came in the 20th minute
when Mendoza beat a couple of
English defenders but his shot

was scrambled clear.

Six minutes later Jorge
Cechi beat his opponent then
passed to Mendoza who shot
wide.

Jorge Burruchaga was in
charge of traffic in the centre
of Argentina's midfield and a
great curling corner from
Mendoza in the 30th minute
was headed off the line by
Colin Greenall.

Then Claudio Garcia shot
into the side netting just
before Mark Kendall, the Eng-
lish goalkeeper pulled off a
great save, diving up and back
to stop Mendoza's clever chip
in the 37th minute.

England was playing on the
break with only two guys up
front and Tony Finnigan broke
through but was brought down
by Burruchaga. That foul
earned the Argentinian the
yellow card.

Michael Small looked the
better of England's front run-
ners. He was good in the air
and way the only guy up front
who could hold the ball under
pressure and wait until he got
support from his midfielders.

England started well in the
second half and Small got
clear but lost control of the
ball inside the area.

Then Mendoza's snap shot in
the 49th minute flashed just
wide of the near post.

Argentina took the lead in
the 56th minute when Cechi
passed to Juan Urruti who shot
well from about 15 metres out.
Kendall got a touch with a full
length save but could do little
to stop the ball.

There were two important
tackles made by Argentinian
captain Sergio Giovagnoli.
Both slide tackles were on Fin-
nigan just outside the box. Gio-
vagnoli was the last man on
both occasions and had Finni-
gan passed him the English

midfielder would have had a
clear run at goal.

Finnigan was brought down
just outside the area in the
75th minute. English sweeper
Neil Banfield took the result-
ant free kick and hit the post.
A near let off for the
Argentinians.

Three minutes later Eng-
land deservedly levelled. Fin-
nigan was obstructed inside
the area and referee Menegali
from Italy awarded an in-
direct free kick even though
contact obstruction inside the
area usually is a penalty nowa-
days. Banfield took the kick
and Argentinian keeper Sergio
Goycochea made a dreadful
blunder. He should have held
the ball but dropped it instead
to the feet of the incoming
Small. Small hammered the
ball home from about a meter
out.

— with CRAIG
MACKENZIE

England
coach
hits out

Coaches John Cart-
wright of England and
Roberto Saportti of Argen-
tina were interviewed by
"Soccer Action's" Peter
Scott after the game.

About the crowd violence,
here's what they said:

SAPORTTI: "Football's a
game and the people should be
able to go to the stadium for a
happy experience, and not in
fear."

CARTWRIGHT: "I blame
the Press. I would like to read
emphasis on skill and grace in-
stead of the bad things about
football because these bad
things find their reflection in
the behaviour of the crowd."

Asked whether the crowd
behaviour had anything to do
with what happens on the field
— and there were a lot of fouls
in this game — Saportti said:

"I didn't see anything like
that today."

English FA official Ted
Crocker said:

"It was a game of hard con-
tact, but both teams are
staying at the same hotel and
they shake hands afterwards.
The crowd should approach
the game in the same spirit."

Peter Scott reports that the
crowd trouble was started by
the England fans who purpo-
sely provoked the Argentinian
fans.

He says many of them ob-
viously were drunk.

About general play, Cart-
wright said:

"The Argentinians attacked
us with the ball, which is
something you don't get much
in England. The problem of
our youth team is the problem
of English soccer. There's not
enough emphasis on skill.
League clubs don't get players
until they're 14 and often it's
too late by then. However, our
team is improving every day."

SAPORTTI: "We have not
won a game yet but we do not
lose hope. Each team has at
least another 90 minutes to
play and anything can happen.
England deserved the draw. I
made four changes to my team
and I wasn't completely
happy. I couldn't really get
them to do what I wanted — to
recover and chase when they
lose the ball."

Ebongue — world star in the making

MATCH RATING:

8

England 2
Cameroon 0

Scorers: Finnigan 58th., Day 80th.
Venue: Sydney Sports Ground.

Crowd: 15,214.
Referee: Toshikazu Sano (Japan) 8.

Cautions: Ebongue (Cam), Southey (Eng).
ENGLAND: Kendall 8 — Southey 6,
Robson 7, Crosby 6, Banfield 8 — Peake 6,
Allen 6, Day 8, Finnigan 8 (injured, sub. Webb
68th.) — Wallace 8, Kinsey 6, (Small 60th).

CAMEROON: Ndonhong 7 — Onana Esselle
7, Kopla 7 (Kingue 57th.), Nyamali Tobi 8, Nji
7 — Macky 7, Mfede 7 (Dibongue 77th.), Be-
linga 8 — Ollie Ollie 8, Ebongue 9, Djonkep.

Cameroon sparkled with flair, fantasy
and breathtaking skill in attack. Eng-
land was dull and lifeless.

So entertaining did the Africans play that
they had the crowd on their side after only a
few minutes. Most fans went home deeply
disappointed for the brilliant Africans, and the
England supporters were sighing in relief.

The game showed us one of the finest
forwards to grace a soccer field in Australia.
His name is Ernst Lottin Ebongue, he wore No. 12
in the game, and he was dynamite every time
he was on the ball. Mind you, the England de-
fenders gave him far too much room.

His fellow forwards Bertin Ollie Ollie (No.
13) and Bonaventure Djonkep (No. 11) also
are highly talented players.

Between them, they should have put Cam-
eroon at least three goals ahead by half time.

England had only two impressive players —
forwards David Wallace (No. 17) and Tony
Finnigan (No. 7) who was injured and had to
be replaced after scoring the first goal.

Left back Neil Banfield also played soundly,
but the centre backs, Stewart Robson and
Philip Crosby were too loose and the midfield
was poor. Even big-name player Paul Allen of
West Ham was disappointing.

It was clear to all the English players after
this game that they would have to improve
dramatically if they were to have any hope of
reaching the quarter-finals.

The first flash of Cameroon skill electrified
the crowd in the first few moments of play.
Midfielder Louis Mfede came up to take a free
kick and he bent it like some Brazilian virtu-
oso, just wide of the top corner.

And in the second minute, Ollie Ollie, with a
shot on the turn, hit the bottom of the post.

Seconds later, goalkeeper Mark Kendall fell
forward awkwardly while making a save and
dropped the ball to the feet of Ebongue who,
unbelievable, missed from three metres.

Ebongue again threatened the goal, turning
like a panther before lashing it at Kendall
who, however, plucked it out of the sky.

Another Cameroon player who impressed me
was little midfielder Alexandre Belinga
Belinga who has a good tactical brain as well
as skill. He picked up men in midfield and also
pushed back into the defence to take oppo-
sition when other defenders were pulled out of
position.

Allen made the first of some serious mis-
takes when he lost the ball to Ebongue after

trying to hold it too long. Ebongue streaked
away and played a through ball for Ollie Ollie
but it was a little long, and Ollie Ollie failed to
reach it.

Then Ebongue played an inspired lob over
the England defence to Stephan Macky who
tried to flick it in with his head, but the ball
clipped him fractionally. Another let-off for
England.

And another one, as Ollie Ollie whipped a
cracking shot over Kendall but onto the
crossbar.

Yet again, as Ebongue ran through the
defence on the right, shot, and was foiled by
Kendall's save.

Cheers rang through the stadium when
Cameroon appeared to have scored the goal it
so richly deserved.

Again it was Ebongue who started the
move, weaving his way through for a shot that
was blocked by Robson and went back to Ollie
Ollie for another shot. This time Kendall de-
flected it to Macky who stuck it away. But
Cameroon's libilation was cut short by the
linesman's flag which indicated the goal was
offside.

The game wilted in the last 10 minutes of
the first half with England continuing to
impress even though Cameroon had hit a low
spot.

But England managed a few sputtering
moves after resumption.

First Wallace got up for a pretty good head-
er, and then Crosby, Steve Kinsey and Finni-
gan combined before Belinga Belinga blocked
Finnigan at the crucial moment.

Kinsey didn't last much longer. He was re-
placed by Michael Small in the 50th minute, as

rain started to drench the poor souls out there
on the grassy hills of the Sports Ground.

Spectators forced their way up into the
Press section of the grandstand and defied
the rain, but again Cameroon sparkled as
Djonkep turned past Banfield and fired a low
hard shot into the side netting.

Sweeper Andre Marie Kopla, who had taken
a knock in the first half, was replaced by Her-
mann Kingue in the 57th minute just seconds
before Finnigan shot England into the lead
with a 25-metre dipping shot over goalkeeper
Pierre Yombo Ndonhong.

Finnigan was injured and replaced by Neil
Webb in the 65th minute, as Cameroon
mounted another inspired attack, via Djonkep
and Ebongue, who missed again. The move
was offside anyway.

Wallace was too high with a hard, angled
shot on the turn, and then Ebongue was shown
the yellow card over a clash with Kendall, who
was hurt and needed treatment.

Wallace had another chance for England
but he missed the ball as he lashed at it inside
the penalty area.

Cameroon brought on David Dibongue for
midfielder Mfede in the 77th minute. Dib-
ongue went to centre forward and Ebongue
dropped back into midfield.

But in the 80th minute England wrecked
any hopes Cameroon may have had of getting
back into the game.

Webb played a corner from the left, Geoff
Day darted at it at the near post and flicked a
glancing header over the defenders, into the
net for the second goal.

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Amer powers Egypt to thrilling draw

MATCH RATING:

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Egypt 2
Spain 2

Scorers: Amer (Eg.) 6th & 79th; S. Lopez (Sp.) 65th; **Nadal 74th.**
Venue: Hindmarsh Stadium. **Crowd:** 10,000
EGYPT: Ashour 7 - Am-shadi 7, Abbas 7, Sadki 7, Heshih 7 - Helmi 8, Mihoub 7, Keshab 7 - Soliman 7, Amer 9, Kamash 7 (Hassan 65th)
SPAIN: Rodriguez 8 - Calvo 8, Fabregat 7, Rodriguez 7, Nadal 7 - Lopez 9, Lecalio 9, Marina 8 - Parola 7 (S. Lopez 8, 55th), Julia 7, Casero 7.

Magnificent! That is the best way to describe the opening match of the World Youth Cup in Adelaide.

Spain and Egypt, the 1981 African champions, served up soccer of top international standard as they fought a 2-2 draw in front of 10,000 fans at Hindmarsh Stadium.

The crowd was noisy and boisterous... and so it should have been.

The match was probably the best soccer entertainment Adelaide has had for more than a decade. And that includes the 1977 clash between Arsenal and Red Star Belgrade played at Hindmarsh Stadium as part of an international tournament.

After the colourful opening

ceremony in which young boys dressed in national team colours representing the 16 nations competing in the World Youth Cup paraded around the ground, Spain and Egypt got down to the business of playing top-class soccer.

The fans, which had braved the cold, windy and damp conditions, appreciated the brand of soccer and applauded every classy move — and there were plenty of them.

Spain played typical continental football. They carefully and patiently built up their attacks, highlighted by diagonal passes in the heart of the Egyptian defence.

However they did tend to exaggerate the short passing at times and as a result the

attack lacked punch in the first half, though this was remedied in the second half.

Egypt was a revelation. They had skill, flair, vision and toughness. If they can produce those attributes consistently, they could be the surprise package of the tournament and will definitely shock the more fashionable teams later on.

Egypt relied heavily on counter attacks, though that is not to say they defended excessively.

They simply had a preference for long diagonal passes from the heart of the defence. This troubled Spain on many occasions and as a result Egypt looked the better side in the first half.

It was one of these moves

which led to Egypt's opening goal in the sixth minute.

Midfielder Mohammed Helmi, probably the star of the first half, picked up a long pass on the left side of the ground, cut into the penalty area and struck a superb rising shot at the far post, but Spain's keeper Francisco Rodriguez palmed it brilliantly around the post for a corner.

The resultant corner kick was smashed into the bottom left hand corner with a beautifully timed header from Taher Amer, a striker who will trouble plenty of defences in this tournament.

Egypt took control of the game immediately, though the Spanish worked the ball into good scoring positions but in-

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time before Spain would take control. They looked the classier side and in the 74th minute Sebastian Nadal headed Spain into a 2-1 lead.

Alberto Calvo, an aggressive full back who continually overlapped, crossed to Nadal who had no trouble diverting the ball into the net with the defence completely parted.

Spain turned it on after this goal and Lecalio and Francisco Lopez completely dominated the midfield. They were so confident they could have threaded their passes through the eye of a needle.

Few fans thought Spain would be pegged back from this point, but few fans could have anticipated the shooting power of Amer, the scorer of the first goal.

Helmi, who had faded a bit in the second half, crossed a ball to striker Tarek Soliman who could have headed for goal but instead brought it down on the edge of the penalty area for Amer to strike a pulverising volley into the roof of the net. It was a world class goal and certainly the goal of the match.

The result was tied up at that point, because neither side was prepared to commit itself with just 11 minutes of play left.

However, Amer could have clinched his hat trick just before the end but his powerful shot grazed the cross bar.

What impressed me most about both sides was their attitude. It was completely professional. And they were dedicated too. It was apparent early that their national team shirts meant more than money. It was a lesson for some of our younger and older players in this country.

While the game was a magnificent advertisement for soccer, I am confident our boys are capable of the same standard, although they may not have the fine skills of the continentals.

Our 2-1 over Argentina was a great thrill, even for an old campaigner like me.

It is significant that one of the biggest cheers on Saturday night happened when the Argentine-Australia score was announced.

I was also impressed with their maturity and their willingness to take the initiative and play the game as the situation demanded.

There was a flexibility that you do not often see in the Australian game.

Players were not frightened to play the ball to the feet of team mates with defenders on their backs.

They had confidence in each other and that is why, I believe, they were able to fight back when defeat looked likely.

— WITH

MENO TOUTSIDIS

Two of Egypt's players meet Kickaburra on route to Adelaide.

stead of shooting or powering their way through the defence they virtually tried to walk the ball into the net with 1-2 passes.

This did not work mainly because of the uncompromising Egyptian defence which dealt with this Spanish tactic in a no-nonsense manner.

But because midfielder Francisco Lecalio, a tall, mobile man who involved himself in virtually all of Spain's attacks and Jose Lecalio, who played alongside him, kept pushing forward a Spain comeback was always on the cards.

The Spanish opened up the game after the break but it was not until the 55th minute when Sebastian Lopez came on for Fernando Peralta that Spain made Egypt look vulnerable.

Within 10 minutes Francisco Lopez sent a perfectly weighted pass to Sebastian Lopez who dummied two defenders and hammered a scorching 20-metre drive past the Egyptian goalkeeper, Mohammed Ashour.

It was then only a matter of



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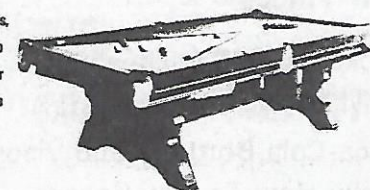
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Germany sounds warning to the Latin giants

MATCH RATING:

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West Germany 1
Mexico 0

Scorers: Lasso 2nd
Venue: Hindmarsh Stadium. **Crowd:** 10,000
WEST GERMANY: Vollborn 9 - Windhofer 7, Schmickunz 7, Zere 7, Schoen 8 - Anthon 8, Lasso 7, Wohlfarth 7 (Herman 79th) - Brunner 9, Herbst 8, Schoen 8.
MEXICO: A. Chavez 8 - F. Chavez 7, Gamal 7, Dominguez 7 (Farfan 35th), Servin 8 - Martinez 8, Munoz 7, Cosso 7 - Herrera 8, (Vaca 65th) Curiel 8, Rios 7.

No wonder West Germany is a soccer power. This West German youth team displayed all the attributes of the senior team.

They were tough, uncompromising, aggressive and disciplined.

And of course they were very skilful, too.

The West German youngsters did not give an inch, particularly after grabbing an early lead.

This West Germany-Mexico game was more like a senior World Cup match, because both sides played with extreme caution.

The West German sweeper did not move over the half way line for the entire match, and always stayed about 10 or 15 yards behind his defence.

However, he may have been more aggressive had the Germans not grabbed such a quick goal.

The Mexicans, tipped to be one of the favorites, were disappointing because they failed badly in front of goal, although they had good twin strikers in Jose Curiel and Jose Herrera.

But they lacked the toughness to ruffle the Germans and as a result rarely broke through to test the goalkeeper, Ruediger Vollborn, who looks like a Sepp Maier carbon.

The Mexicans looked sharp in midfield. The side was packed with skilful ball players, but unfortunately there were not enough grafters.

While the Germans would scamper back if they lost the ball or if a situation demanded they give defensive support, the Mexicans rarely did this.

German captain Ralf Lasso was the instigator of most of his team's attacking thrusts and also did the hard work in midfield.

His attacking winger Thomas Brunner was the star, however. A player with a devastating turn of speed, he ran the Mexican defence off their feet. Unlike some of our players, he ran directly at defenders, swerved past them and left them standing.

He could have scored near the end when he carved up the right side of the field and let fly with a 20 metre pile driver which flashed across the goal-mouth.

Not surprisingly, he is in Eintracht Frankfurt's first team and obviously a future senior international. Remember his name, we may see him in the 1982 World Cup.

Another German who impressed me was Ralf Sievers, a midfielder, who destroyed many Mexican attacks and involved him-

self in countless attacking build-ups.

But for all their authoritative play, the Germans were probably fortunate to clinch both points because their goal had an element of luck.

After just two minutes a Mexican defender lost the ball on the edge of the penalty area to Loose who went past one player and struck it past goalkeeper Adrian Chavez. The shot took a deflection however and considering Chavez's brilliant performance it's highly likely he otherwise could have stopped it.

But they are the breaks teams expect in the World Cup.

The Mexicans had their best chance to equalise in the 48th minute when overlapping full back Francisco Chavez blasted the ball against the post on a tight angle just five metres out.

But the Germans had the better chances for the rest of the half. Loose dipped a vicious shot just over the bar after a great pass from Roland Wohlfarth in the 59th minute and nine minutes later Sievers slammed a great shot but Chavez saved brilliantly.

Chavez again stopped another sparkling drive from Holger Anthes at a time when the Germans were mounting pressure.

The Germans' neat disposal of Mexico is a firm warning to the giants of South America that they must business, and I expect them to at least reach the semi-finals.

Indeed, they looked so professional that they could go all the way and win the final on October 18.

The Mexicans cannot yet be discounted, but they will need to sharpen up in front of goal if they are to win their last two games and stay in contention.

The man who could spark that revival is their sweeper Angel Martinez. He did not involve himself in the defence that was required which was a pity because he was the one player who could have turned the game around for Mexico.

He did not waste a ball and if he had attacked more, he could have knocked the Germans out of their rhythm.

His tactics of staying back was acceptable early when it was imperative the Mexicans did not fall behind a further goal, but when defeat was inevitable late in the game he should have abandoned this negative approach.

Paul Servin, the attacking left full back, impressed me with his thinking on the ball and his coolness in tight situations.

That is rare in a young player and he is obviously a player who will need to again perform for Mexico to produce results.

But Mexico's main requirement now is toughness. It will need physical strength to overcome Egypt in Canberra tomorrow night (Thursday) because the Egyptians are all solid.

Herrera and Curiel will particularly need to show more grit. If they do, the Egyptians will be in trouble.

— with

MENO TOUTSIDIS

The Mexicans, joined by Kickaburra, greet their fans on arrival at Tullamarine Airport.

\$2.37 mil for Robson

MANCHESTER, ENGLAND, — Bryan Robson became the most expensive player in the history of British soccer at the weekend.

England International midfielder player Robson joined Manchester United from West Bromwich Albion for a fee of over 1.5 million (about 2.37 million Aust. dollars).

He completed the formalities on the pitch at Old Trafford before United's league match with Wolverhampton Wanderers.

Andy Gray, who joined Wolverhampton from Aston Villa for 1,496,000 stg (2,363,000 Aust Dollars) in 1979, previously was the most expensive player in British soccer.



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Brazil, Rumania tie each other up in tight tussle

MATCH RATING:

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Brazil 1
Rumania 1

Scorers: Brazil — Lomir
(71st) Rumania — Zamfir
(74th).

Venue: Olympic Park.
Crowd: 16,500. Conditions:
Wet and gloomy. Referee:
George Courtney (England) 9.

Ratings by Craig Mackenzie:
BRAZIL: Pereira 8 —
Roberto 7, Luis Antonio 7,
Mauro Galvão 7, Nelsinho 8 —
Josimar 8, Julio Cesar 8,
Lomir 7 — Cacau 7, Marcelo
7, Djalma 6 (Rounded 65th).

RUMANIA: Lovas 8 — Vis-
craiev 7, Andone 7, Rednic 8,
Eduard 7 — Balint 8, Iile 8,
Hanghiuc 7, Gabor 8 — Zamfir
8, Sertov 6.

Saturday night at Olympic
Park saw the opening
ceremony of the FIFA
World Youth Champ-
ionships, this country's
greatest sporting contest
since Melbourne staged
the 1956 Olympics.

Olympic Park had its en-
largement and facelift only
just completed. The final
touches, such as the Hooveing
of the carpets, were completed
at 5 pm. One noticeable ab-
scentee was the \$228,000 elec-
tronic scoreboard, apparently
paid for but not installed. This
was compensated for by a \$25,
000 manual scoreboard paid
for — judging by the huge ad-
vertisement — by Coca Cola.

The opening ceremony itself
was extremely colorful with
the national banners and flags
of the 16 finalists paraded for
all to see.

During the speeches official
of the ASF and VSF were
busy ushering people here,
there and everywhere, then lo
and behold first one, then two
and then many more Victorian
referees came into view.

What's this, one asks, a pre-
sentation? No, not quite. Our
humble men of the whistle ex-
changed black and white uni-
forms for sky blue dust jackets
and entertained with program
selling. Aha! They'd found
their vocation at last.

So the scene was set for a
sporting extravaganza. Alas,
somebody forgot to inform the
people of Melbourne that this
wonderful spectacle was taking
place, thus only 16,500 people
were in attendance to see
four of the best youth
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two completely different
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It wasn't until the fourth
minute that either side got
near the penalty area. Mircea
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ful drive which was blocked
and cleared by the Rumanians.

Shortly after a cross from
Lomir found Marcelo rising
above Rednic to head down,
just past the post.

In these early stages it was
noticeable that this was a lot
tighter game than the Italy v
Korea match. The Brazilians
were finding it difficult to get
through the midfield to the at-
tacking third where the deft
one-two's that they play so
well, come into being.

The Rumanians are very
strong defensively, packing
the midfield, but showing little
imagination going forward.

When they do venture forward
most of their play goes
through one of their stars
Dorel Zafir, out wide on the
right.

In the 23rd minute Ruma-
nia's Mihaila Hanghiuc shot
powerfully from 18 metres.
The ball ricocheted off Julio
Cesar and had keeper Pereira
at full stretch to turn it around
for a corner. Pereira comfort-
ably took the resulting kick.

Seven minutes later the
Brazilian No. 11, Djalma stole
the ball on the half way line
and cornered it forward then
rifled a shot which was
blocked on the edge of the
area. Josimar, following up,
blasted way over the bar.

The same two players com-
bined well again two minutes
later with Djalma crossing
from the left. Once again Jos-
imar shot over the bar.

Rumania, playing solidly
without much prettiness, was
getting more strikes at goal
yet not really dominating the
game.

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By
GARY
COLE

Brazilians was a lot better
than that of Italy or Korea.
For most of the half the 23
field players were in the same
third of the field, thus there
was no depth, and no space.

For Brazil, Julio Cesar, the
tall powerful negro in mid-
field, had been involved in
everything. For Rumania,
Zamfir and Gabor had impres-
sed. The defenders of both
sides had been dominant.

The second half started
slowly again with the Brazy-
lians heading well twice in the
first five minutes.

The game at this stage
lacked entertainment, and was
more for the soccer purist
than the average supporters.

Gabor continued his good



Back row, left to right: Girjoaba, Iile, Bolba, Vuscan, Flaic, Andone, Sertov, Balaur, Lovas.
Front row: Balint, Hanghiuc, Eduard, Viscreanu, Matei, Rednic, Zamfir, Gabor, Lasconi.

Djalma five minutes earlier,
turned on the edge of the
Rumanian box and slipped the
ball home only to have the goal
disallowed for an in-
fringement.

Shortly after, a good run to
the by-line by left back Nel-
sinho saw him curl a low cross
to the near post, and Lomir,
sliding in under pressure, vol-
leyed home from six metres.
Keeper Lovas only could touch
it as it whistled past him.

It took Rumania only three
minutes to equalise. Gabor
fought his way to the line on
the right and cut the ball back
for Zamfir to control and shoot
past Pereira from inside the
area, the ball going through
and just touching the legs of
Julio Cesar.

Both sides were full of life
now and started to run and
take on opponents.

Gabor continued his good

Romero from Argentina, kept
up with the game, which is a
pleasure to see.

The referee, George Court-
ney from England, had a mar-
vellous game. He was firm
when the tackling got a bit
naughty and yet he let the
game flow when he could.

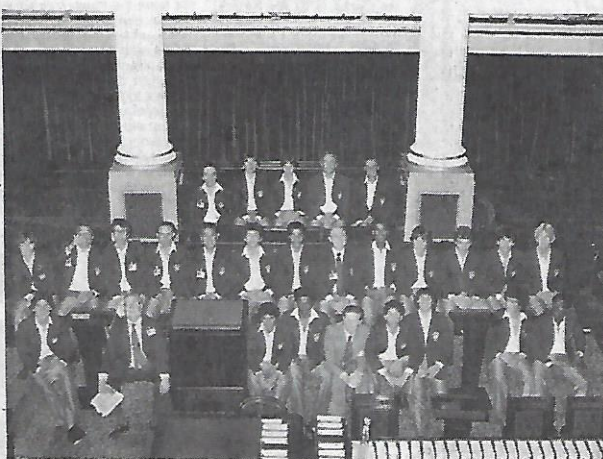
At the start of this report I
said that the only thing miss-
ing from the marvellous new
facilities at Olympic Park was
people.

There still are six games to
go in Melbourne, so come on,
you marketing people at the
ASF, how about spending some
money to let people know that
this wonderful competition is
taking place.

Sure, people involved in
soccer know what's happening
but how about attracting some
new blood to this marvellous
advertisement for the sport.



Rumanian star Mircea Gabor turns well and
sends Julio Cesar of Brazil going the wrong
way.



Brazil on the Opposition benches in the Victorian Parliament. The four
Melbourne-based teams were invited to a Government Reception at
Parliament House last week. Pictures by LES SHORROCK.

Hanghiuc won the ball in a
tackle in the 36th minute and
slipped a lovely pass through
to Zamfir who completely
missed his kick.

Brazil then had the best
chance of the match. Marcelo
had a run down the left flank
before curling in a cross which
Cacau headed down to Josimar
who, having slipped the tight
Rumanian marking, showed
little composure in front of
goal and blasted well over
from the penalty spot.

Both teams, now desperate
for a goal due to poor finishing,
resorted to long range shots
which caused neither Pereira
nor Rumanian counterpart
Josif Lovas any harm.

Brazil had the last chance of
the half but Marcelo tried to be
too clever when in an excellent
shooting position inside the
Rumanian box and the chance
went begging.

By this time it was obvious
that the large score of 4-1 in
the opening game was not
going to be repeated. This was
due to a couple of things, first-
ly poor finishing from both
sides; secondly the all round
marking of the Rumanians and

The game came to life in the
62nd minute when Gabor stole
the ball and passed to the un-
marked Zamfir who controlled
before shooting well only to
see a good save by keeper Pe-
reira.

Switching to the other end a
cross from the right saw a
spectacular bicycle kick from
Marcelo go narrowly wide.

23 minutes into this half
Ronaldo, the replacement for

performance in the 80th
minute when he went on a solo
run up the centre of the field
before slipping the ball to
Hanghiuc whose shot was par-
ried by Pereira and Roberto
just managed to clear off the
line.

Brazilian captain, sweeper
Galvao, took a heavy knock on
the knee and was off the field
for treatment for a couple of
minutes. This really didn't
affect matters as the game
had slowed again and the fans
began to leave.

In a final fling the Ruma-
nians received a free kick on
the right hand goal line. Gabor
again caused trouble with his
cross which Pereira only could
punch to his team mate Ron-
aldo. He inexplicably turned it
back to Pereira, who dived to
push the ball out for a corner.

In the dying seconds the
highly rated Zamfir could have
won the game for Rumania.
Balint, a midfielder who had
been quiet all night, crossed
from the left. Zamfir con-
trolled in a repeat of his goal,
but instead of shooting, he
tried to take on a defender on
the penalty spot and the
chance was wasted.

In the final analysis Ru-
mania and Brazil proved that
they are two different, but
very strong and powerful
teams. The game was not as
entertaining as the Italy v
Korea match because players
were not given enough room to
show their full talents. But
close control, strength, speed
and patience — especially
from Brazil — should make
these sides too strong for
Korea or Italy.

The officials for this game
did very well. The linesmen
Jan Redelfs from West
Germany and Jorge Eduards



Brazil's goalkeeper Pereira
takes a safe catch against
Rumania.

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Forget the gloom — '81 a year of progress

The year 1981 has been one of significant progress — not a year of disaster.

This statement must be made in answer to those prophets who have been spreading messages of gloom, despair and disaster.

So we will not be going to Spain for the World Cup finals, and New Zealand will.

Does that spell disaster for the future of the game here and a sunny future for those playing and administering soccer in New Zealand?

Let us contrast our soccer and that of New Zealand. Their national league draws crowds averaging less than 1000 people.

Our crowds average more than 3500 with every prospect of them improving.

New Zealand's best players are now being forced to come to Australia to earn meaningful money and play in a reasonable standard of soccer.

New Zealand's participation in the World Cup finals will not change these facts; neither will our non-participation.

I see 1981 as a truly significant year in the upward evolutionary spiral of our soccer.

The quality of our best young players has been proven in the Phillips League and they are acquiring themselves extremely well in the world youth tournament.

The standard of our young players is the barometer to the standard of our soccer and their improvement indicates that our game is improving.



Mike Johnson

It indicates also that the quality of coaching throughout the country is improving — which it is.

There is no question that the quality of administration within our senior clubs has improved out of sight since the start of the Phillips League.

The professional organisation of clubs like Sydney City, South Melbourne, Hellas, Marconi, Brisbane Lions and Newcastle United was just not there before 1977.

This especially applied to centres away from Sydney.

Sydney soccer administration and playing standard was way ahead before the advent of the Phillips League.

Young, full-time professional administrators such as Michael Urukalo at Marconi and David Childs at Sydney City were non-existent till recent years.

Yes, 1981 has confirmed that our soccer is on an upward trend.

It has also brought us the first professionally organised and presented television show for soccer.

David Fordham and Channel 0/28 have put an excellent soccer show together this year.

The year 1981 also saw Wollongong Wolves established as a viable addition to the national league, pointing the way for those in Tasmania and other regional centres.

Canberra, Newcastle and Wollongong can all be classed as success stories in the league's short history and this year has seen them consolidate irrespective of the coaching upheaval at Newcastle.

The widening of the national league's boundaries is also having its influence on the State leagues where regional clubs will continue to gain admittance.

Fairy Meadow, from the Wollongong area, is the latest regional club to join the State

league ranks in NSW, joining Monaro, Wollongong United and Bathurst who gained entry in recent times.

The year 1981 has also seen ASF Marketing begin to make its presence felt.

They are another newcomer to our ranks and a badly misunderstood one.

Their suggestion of Summer soccer was backed up with a lot of hard work — work which I hope will be repeated in other areas in the future.

Summer soccer will be neither a disaster nor a saviour of our soccer.

I see the saving of our soccer being in the hands, feet and minds of the tens of thousands of participants in the game in this country, whether they are playing, coaching, administering or watching.

These numbers will keep on growing whether we play soccer in winter or summer.

I see summer soccer as a positive boon to our top level clubs if it allows them the chance to make players full-time professionals.

This would bring about a 10 per cent improvement in our game overnight and also make it an attractive career for young people.

If summer soccer does not bring about full-time professionalism or a significant improvement in crowds then eventually the top league will revert to winter soccer again.

Soccer will not then curl up by a fireside and die.

It will go on, just as we all go on with our daily lives.

Soccer is an important ingredient in the daily lives of too many people for them to throw it aside.

Certainly all soccer lovers who take a positive outlook on life must be looking forward with some eagerness to 1982.

England policy wrong!



By WALTER PLESS

In February I wrote in "Soccer Action" that the English FA's decision not to send a team to the Mundialito was 'bad-man-

nered, hypocritical and short-sighted'. It was a case of club before country.

The same can now be said, alas, of the World Youth Championships, England's

team in Australia is a watered-down version of the one that actually won the Under-18 European title last year to qualify for this year's finals.

Only four players from that team remain, the rest having stayed in England because of club commitments. If this sort of policy is now being applied to England youth teams, then the future of the English game will become even more bleak than it is at present.

As far as England's senior team is concerned, the chickens may already have come home to roost. I wrote in February that England had lost the chance to pit her players against the world's best, thus denying the English players valuable international experience.

One of the outcomes is England's present World Cup qualifying predicament. With one game to play, it seems highly unlikely that England will qualify. This will continue to happen so long as England's players are denied the chance of competing against the best in the world when they are invited to play in tournaments with little but prestige at stake.

So what if they lose a game here or there? It is far better to gain experience in this way and to establish a good team than to wait until the really vital games and then to be found wanting.

A seeming paradox exists in English soccer at present. The national team is floundering, yet club sides are winning European championships. Least those who support England's current policies take heart at this fact, there is a simple explanation. Most of the successful English club sides have foreign players in their ranks — Dutchmen, Yugoslavs, Argentines, Scotsmen, Welshmen and Irishmen. The English national team cannot, of course, call upon these players and hence we have the difference in fortunes of the national team as compared with the club teams.

And so to the present World Youth Championships. Instead of using the series to give the best youngsters top-class experience, a weakened team has been sent.

English journalists such as Garrett Jones, Colin Malam and Ken Goldman have questioned such a short-sighted policy.

The England youth coach, John Cartwright, summed the situation up nicely when he said: "Everyone in England should be thinking along the lines that this squad is likely to produce players we'll need for the senior World Cup in 1986 and 1990. Very soon now, we've got to answer the question of whether international football is important to us, or not."

English fans can only hope that the present squad has the players that will be able to serve England in the years ahead. They can only hope that such players are not the ones that stayed in England because of club commitments.

FOR QATAR WAS JUST WINNING THE

MATCH RATING:

8

Qatar 1
Poland 0

Scorers: Belec 38th.
Ground — Lang Park.
Crowd — 17,200.
Referee — A. Boskovic (Aust).
Cautions — Pekala, Dzikowski (P), Belec (Q).
Sent Off — Letka (P) 68th.
QATAR: Y. Ahmad 7, M. Alsowaidi 6, A. Ahmad 7, Mayouf 7, Almas 6, Salem 7, E. Ahmad 9, Affa 7, K. Alsowaidi 6, Belec 7, Al-mahmoudi 8.
POLAND: Wandzik 7, Wdowczyk 6, Bogusz 7, Mayor 6, Grzanek 6, Pekala 7, Rzepka 8, Kaczmarek 6 (Urban 65th), Terasiewicz 5 (Kowalik 45th 6), Dzikowski 6, Letka 6 (sent off 68th).

I was extremely disappointed with Poland in this match, considering it came here as runner-up in the powerful European section and I'm sure most of the other spectators expected more in the way of skill and dedication from the Poles.

They certainly overdid the long ball tactic, mainly through keeper Wandzik, who continually pumped his towering clearances into the Qatari penalty box.

Once the Qatari defence settled, it did not have too much trouble with this particular play.

We are used to seeing European teams carefully build up their moves from the back, but the Poles rarely played in that manner. Several of their players looked very skilful but the team as a whole did not utilise that asset.

I felt not nearly enough Polish players got involved in the game for the full 90 minutes. Many of them had their heads down particularly after Qatar scored its shock goal, and in the end, they paid the penalty.

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MATCH RATING: 8

Uruguay 3
United States 0

Scorers: Baez 6th, Aguilera 60th, De Silva 66th.
Venue: Lang Park.
Crowd: 17,200.
Referee: Emilio Aladren (Spain) 8.
Cautions: Berrueta (Urug.), Gardiner, Doran, Stoffmeyer (U.S.).
URUGUAY: Aries 7, Vasquez 7, Gutierrez 7, Pena 7, Malan 7, Berrueta 6, Baez 7, Franciscoll 8 (Batista 63rd), De Silva 7 (Baran 85th), Aguilera 8, Noble 8.
UNITED STATES — Scarpelli 8, Smith 7 (Doran 66th), Gardiner 6, Hummel 7, Alinsley 6, Stoffmeyer 7, Mayor 7, Saldana 6, Kain 6, Dovey 6, Gao 7 (Jianotto 74th 6).

This was a particularly different match from the opening game as the Uruguayans were never in any real danger of losing, even though they did

not seal the game in the second half.

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It is plain to see that Brazilian coach Macedo Evaristo has been with them now for 12 months and he has been able to mould a skilful team from what must be very limited player resources.

The major criticism of the Qataris was their passing. They were able to produce countless, flowing build-ups which had the Polish defence in disarray but the final pass in the end prevented them from winning by a greater margin.

Goalkeeper Younis Ahmed was a little suspect at first but as the match wore on he became a giant and the rock on which the Qatar defence eventually relied.

It has been a long time since we have seen a keeper come out of his area so much in the early part of a match. But he was backed up by impeccable anticipation and timing, particularly dealing with those long balls from his opposite number Wandzik.

Qatar had most of the possession in midfield but the player to cause most of the problems for the Poles was Khalid Almuhammadi with his ability to create openings on the right. He gave the Polish leftback Robert Grzanka a difficult time, particularly in the first half.

His crossing of balls was not the best but he had outstanding control, something which Evaristo no doubt admires and his main attribute, speed, is possessed by most of his teammates.

The Qataris No. 6, leftback Sameer Almas, was a cool and strong defender and played a major role with his over-lapping. I feel the Qataris won because they had a point to prove, being the rank underdogs in this tournament and unless the Poles improve dramatically, they could be on one of the first planes back home.

The Qataris had the added advantage of winning over the crowd and when the final whistle blew, you would have thought they had won the final.

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crowd every time he is on the ball. His dribbling skills and willingness to run at the opposition had the US defence back pedalling for most of the night.

His distribution is excellent and at 19 I am sure this will be one player talked about long after the tournament has ended. Some felt he faded a little in the second half, but I did not think this was surprising considering the tremendous work he put in early to set the trend of the game.

At times it seemed the other mid-fielders, on both sides, were content to sit back and watch him dictate the terms.

Another of the outstanding Uruguayans was Aguilera, a typical right winger and for this reason I took special care in watching just what he could do to taunt the US defence, in particular the left-back and captain Jay Ainsley.

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Sunday, October 11 at Sydney Cricket Ground, 3pm

Semi-final:

Wednesday, October 14, Sydney Cricket Ground, 8pm

The Final:
Sunday, October 18, Sydney Cricket Ground, 3pm

MELBOURNE

**Brazil v. South Korea
Italy v. Rumania**

Thursday, October 8, Olympic Park, 6.45pm and 8.45pm

Quarter-final:

Sunday October 11, Olympic Park, 3pm

Semi-final:

Wednesday, October 14, 8.30pm

BRISBANE

**Qatar v. Uruguay
Poland v. U.S.A.**

Thursday, October 8, Lang Park, 6.30 and 8.30pm

CANBERRA

**Mexico v. Egypt
Spain v. West Germany**

Thursday, October 8, Bruce Stadium, 6.30pm and 8.30pm

Quarter-final:

Sunday, October 11, Bruce Stadium, 3pm

NEWCASTLE

Quarter-final:

Sunday, October 11, International Sports Centre, 3pm

ADELAIDE

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Awards for top scorer, best player

The Adidas GOLDEN SHOE awards have been created in collaboration with France-Football, presented to FIFA and organised with the help of AIPS. The top trophy will be given to the highest goal-scorer from any national team during the final phase of the 1981 FIFA World Youth Championships.

The goalscorers will be ranked according to the official results issued by FIFA after each match. The ranking list will be published on October 9th, 15th and 18th, 1981.

In the case of several players scoring the same number of goals, the competition will be decided in the following way:

1. The highest ratio of goals scored by the player compared with the number of matches played.

2. The highest ratio of goals scored by the player compared with the total number of goals scored by his team.

3. The final ranking of the player's team.

The first three players chosen according to the regulations above will receive gold, silver and bronze shoes respectively.

The final ranking list will be published by FIFA, and the Adidas GOLDEN SHOE trophies will be presented to

the winners during the closing ceremony.

The Adidas GOLDEN BALL awards have been created in collaboration with France-Football, presented to FIFA and organised with the help of AIPS. The awards will go to the top three players selected by a jury of experts at the 1981 FIFA World Youth Championships for the Coca-Cola Cup.

The three best players will be those receiving the greatest number of votes cast by the jury and they will receive a gold, silver and bronze football respectively. The competition closes one hour after the end of the final on October 18th.

Each member of the jury will indicate the three best players in the 1981 FIFA World Youth Championship in Australia by marking the players in the following way:

— 1st place : 3 points
— 2nd place : 2 points
— 3rd place : 1 point

The final rankings will be obtained by adding together the number of points for each player. Should two or more players have the same number of points, the deciding factor will be the number of first places given by members of the jury — and if necessary the number of second and third places.

The jury will consist of:

1. Members of the Organising Committee of the 1981 FIFA World Youth Championship for the Coca-Cola Cup.

2. Members of FIFA's Technical Commission and Technical Study Group.

3. Members of FIFA's Press Commission.

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The first of two goals scored by Egypt's Amer whistles past Spain's goalkeeper Roriguez at Hindmarsh Stadium. The final score was 2-2. Photo by FRANK HOBBS.

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West Germany's Holger Anthes gets a shot despite a wild tackle by Mexico's Francisco Chavez. Photo by FRANK HOBBS.

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AJAX STAR HOLDS SCOTTISH RECORD

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

Victorian State League champion Green Gully Ajax could lose its galloping goal machine Gus Macleod who flies back to his native Scotland on November 30.

Macleod is just eight goals short of notching 100 goals for Pollok, the most successful side in Scottish junior soccer, and he's itching at the bit to achieve what would be a memorable personal milestone.

The sight of the aggressive big man bearing down on goalkeepers and defenders became fixed in the minds of Victoria's soccer followers almost from Macleod's first game here in the 1981 Ampol Cup.

I recall saying at the time in "Soccer Action" that I didn't think the big man had the close skills necessary to lend an effective hand to Ajax's ambitious plans this year. Macleod remembers my comments too.

Well 23 league and cup goals later and State League championship, Ampol and Dockerty Cup medals it seems that I've had to bite a considerable length off my long tongue.

The big man's onfield efforts are a sight to behold. He puffs and snorts like an angry bull let loose. He can dish it out and take it. All the time urging on his teammates. He's deadly coming in at the back post and he always seems to get onto the end of most things going in the penalty area. At times his face is one only a mother could love.

The after match Macleod looks like the perfect stereotype of the business executive — immaculately dressed, mannerly, a very fine gentleman indeed. If you please.

Macleod fell in love with Australian Rules Football after a short time in the country. I was prompted to create a "Soccer Action" Dink of the Month award and big Gus was going to be the recipient. Boy am I glad that that award never was published. I dread to think what could have happened to my arms and legs.

Seriously though Macleod on the field and Macleod off the field is like chalk and cheese.

He established himself as one of the great characters of State League soccer in a very short time. In an arena too often devoid of personalities Macleod shines like a welcome beacon.

He holds a unique scoring record in the Scottish League Cup. When he was with St. Mirren in the early 70's he scored five goals in a League Cup tie against Hamilton Academicals — a record unsurpassed in League Cup football to this very day!

And that was from a man who didn't kick a ball until he was 19 years old. Golf was Macleod's great love in his school days in Glasgow, his birthplace. Most afternoons were his free time and he'd head off to the local golf course.

He was a keen football fan though, even going to Europe to support Glasgow Rangers.

Macleod comes from the Easterhouse area of Glasgow. Gangs "were the go" in his younger days which prompted a plea from English singer Frankie Vaughan to put an end to the violence.

"I didn't hand in my hatchet though," quips Macleod.

"The first club I joined was the Glasgow Perthshire Juniors. I was there for three months and scored 35 goals.

"Then I had a trial match with Morton but it was the president of Second Division Albion Rovers, Tom Fegan was his name, who signed me. Bobby Flavell was the manager at the time.

He's the father of Gordon Flavell who plays with Preston. "My first game for Albion was a pre-season friendly against Rangers. Me and the Rangers' keeper Gerry Neef hit each other and got our marching orders. I can remember that my father was going to kill me at the time because he was a great Rangers supporter.

"I played with Albion for a year and was the club's second top scorer but Fegan wanted to sell me the next year. If you didn't look flashy you didn't get on there. Actually Fegan used to buy goals from the junior ranks then sell them for a profit.

"So I had a trial with St. Mirren at its home ground in Love Street. It was against the Rangers agains just before they

didn't have men to replace them.

"Also, some of the senior blokes perhaps regarded each other as a bit of a softie and started taking things too easy.

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on his own. I would like to have seen him have a better crack at it.

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"But we have learned a great deal from the situation.

"You're certain to see some of the players put on the transfer market and replaced by new ones.



Arms raised in triumph, Ajax striker Gus Macleod celebrates one of his many goals.

Scheinflug back at Marconi?

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Marconi is likely to transfer-list a few of its star players as soon as it appoints a new coach.

So says club president Tony Labbozetta.

The new coach will be appointed within the next few weeks.

Les Scheinflug, who took Marconi to the 1979 championship, is believed to be one of the men Marconi is interested in.

Meanwhile, Eddie Krncevic is in Yugoslavia trialling with Dynamo Zagreb. Marconi hopes for a transfer fee of around \$50,000 if Krncevic makes the grade at Dynamo.

Labbozetta said he had a few new players in mind for next year, but the club would recruit only in consultation with its new coach.

Asked to explain Marconi's poor form in 1981, Labbozetta said:

"The depth in the squad was not what it should have been and our players' commitments to the national team was another of our downfalls. They lost enthusiasm after the World Cup failure. Their attitude was all wrong, but we

didn't have men to replace them.

"Also, some of the senior blokes perhaps regarded each other as a bit of a softie and started taking things too easy.

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Wollongong takes on Asia's might

Wollongong will be pitted against the cream of South East Asian soccer when it contests the King's Cup in Bangkok during November.

Rated alongside Malaysia's Merdeka Tournament and the South Korean President's Cup as Asia's most prestigious tournament, the King's Cup regularly attracts the continent's top national sides and this year will be no exception.

Joint holders Thailand and South Korea will be there again and the organisers are hopeful of bringing a top club side from Europe.

Last November the Western

Australian State wide competed with distinction, winning two and drawing one of four games. Only an inferior goal difference prevented it from advancing to the second round.

WA's best performance came in the 2-1 defeat of China.

The King's Cup presents Wollongong with a royal opportunity to restore Australia's status within Asian soccer. — PAUL MOON

Four Kiwis KO'd

Four leading New Zealand players — Bobby Almond, James Margulies, Iain Marshall and the remainder of the domestic season by their club Christchurch United.

The suspension results from a late-night card game and drinking session on the eve of United's National League fixture at Gisborne City.

Unwilling to pay a \$30 fine hastily imposed by coach Terry Conley, the four were instantly suspended.

United took to the field with only nine players against Gisborne. This was reduced to eight when midfielder David Jackson declared himself unfit to continue at half time.

Gisborne won the match 3-0, its first victory in two months. The New Zealand Football Association decreed that the incident was purely a domestic matter and confirmed the inclusion of Almond in its World Cup squad and Marshall as a member of the team to contest the Merdeka tournament in Malaysia.

Marshall and Park are probably best known in Australia for their stints with South Melbourne Hellas and Brisbane Lions respectively. — PAUL MOON



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Roo girls victorious

The Australian women's soccer team made an encouraging start to its short New Zealand tour.

Kicking off with a 2-0 victory over Canterbury, New Zealand's second ranked provincial side, it followed up by beating an Otago-Southeast combined selection 6-0.

With the reliable Toni McMahon in goal, captain Rose Van Bruinessen steadfast at the heart of defence, Tracy Singleton and Sharon Ross constructive in midfield and Sue Montief, a goal hungry striker, Australia inevitably will start favourite for the international against New Zealand at Manurewa.

Coach Trixie Tagg is well justified in her confidence that the girls can gain partial revenge for the defeat inflicted upon the male soccerers by New Zealand earlier in the year.

— PAUL MOON

Love St. rock-out didn't stop the Gully goal king

went to Europe for a UEFA Cup match. There must have been about 20,000 people at the game and we got beat 5-3.

"I lined up as a twin centre half alongside Gordon McQueen and I didn't do too bad for my first game — I gave away two penalties.

"But I was just having a run as a stopper. I got my chance to play up front with a guy called Alistair Macleod after his partner Jim Blair was transferred to Norwich City. Wee Bobby McKean was the winger then and he was best I've ever seen. He'd beat his man and hit the ball to the back post every time. I was a great pal of his and it was a tragedy when he was found dead in his car in 1978. They said it was suicide at the time but there were a few stories flying about. I went to his funeral. It was a tragedy, it really was.

"I was with St. Mirren for two seasons and I was joint top scorer for the club in my first season.

"That's the club at which I got recognised as a goal scorer. It was the most professional club I'd been with.

"Actually I could tell you a few funny stories but there aren't many that you could publish.

"All the players were protestants but the manager, Tommy Bryceland was a catholic. We went to play Norwich in a pre-season friendly just before Gordon McQueen was transferred to Leeds United. We had a night out on the town after the match and news came through that St. Mirren and Leeds were deadlocked on McQueen's transfer. McQueen wasn't too happy so he accused Bryceland of deliberately deadlocking the deal because McQueen was a protestant. McQueen was pretty far gone at the time and Bryceland told me to put him to bed so I threw him across my shoulders and took him to his room.

"I left St. Mirren after the club sacked Bryceland and hired Willie Cunningham as manager.

"Cunningham took me into his office one day and told me that he wanted to institute a youth policy at the club. I was 23 at the time but he wanted to transfer list me.

"Things got so bad that I was locked out of Love Street and denied training facilities! So I got the players' union involved and St. Mirren soon found out that while I was on the transfer list they couldn't refuse me the right to train there.

"I said to Cunningham that he'd go before I went but I was wrong. I went to Hamilton Academicals for \$24,000. Cunningham was sacked the very next day.

"That was in 1974 and Eric Smith was the Hamilton manager. I linked up with Paul Hegarty who now captains Dundee United and is in the Scotland squad.

"We went on trips to Spain and Cyprus. The Cyprus trip was for a tournament with Stoke City, Sheffield United and a couple of teams from Cyprus.

"Alan Hudson was at Stoke then. Me and Phil Bonneyman were at the disco in Cyprus when an attendant called us into the foyer. The attendant pointed to a guy lying in the gutter outside and asked us if we knew him. It was Alan Hudson so me and Phil carried him back to the hotel and put him to bed. Hudson came down the next morning looking for the two guys who carried him home. When he found out it was he gave us a bottle of vodka each.

"It was because of the manager of Hamilton that I didn't stay there long. He had a very abrupt manner which I didn't like.

"We were due to play Glasgow Celtic in the quarter-finals of the Scottish League Cup and we were having a late training session on the day before the match. Eric Smith's putting us through this free kick when he saw our fingers at me and tells me abruptly to go and fetch the ball. I told him that my father didn't even talk to me like that so he sent me in from the session. I found out later that he tried the same thing with the player who used to be the fill-in for me and the guy went and got the ball. That's not all he got from me. Anyway I was on the bench for that game so the next day I was off to Berwick Rangers.

"They were in Second Division and although I was there for two years the monotony of travelling to training got too much. In the meantime a friend of mine, Tommy Young, got the job as coach of Petershill Juniors and Berwick let me go for nothing seeing as how I wasn't going to be a professional club.

"There tends to be a lot of chopping and changing of players and coaches in junior football so after a year at Petershill I went to Cumnock in Ayrshire. I was there for a year then I signed with Pollok. Tommy Young had moved to Pollok too.

"I scored 54 goals in my first season with Pollok which broke a record dating back to before the Second World War.

"But I damaged ligaments in my knee during my second season and a specialist told me that I'd have to give the game away. I went to Pollok's physiotherapist, John Hart, one of the best in the business and he said that provided I was prepared to work hard he could get me fit. So I took his advice but I came back to the game too early and damaged the ligaments again. When I finally was fully fit about six months had gone by.

"It was at the start of last season that my brother Frank got in touch with me about coming to Australia. Frank plays with Kew Park Rangers and he had been sending copies of "Soccer Action" over to me for three years so I knew a fair bit about the scene over here.

"Actually Green Gully's manager Bobby McLachlan had first contacted me about playing here a few years ago when he was with Juventus but I wasn't too keen to come over.

"That was when I was with Petershill. When I was asked to come over the second time I knew that the Gully was an up and coming club and I heard about the plans to sign new players. Bobby McLachlan was really persistent.

"But it was hard to leave Pollok. The club was in the running for everything at the time. In fact Pollok won the lot this year in Scotland and just last week they were given the honor of a civic reception.

"I've had a good year here. Gully's just like Pollok. It's a homey club and the fans are great.

"I'm a free player when I get back to Pollok. I really don't know what I'll be doing next year because I've got a few loose ends to tie up back home. I think I'd be very tempted to stay with the Gully if the club made me as good an offer as it made at the start of this season.

"The whole Green Gully club is tremendous and my teammates are a great bunch of lads. They helped me win the top scorer award in the State League this year. I'd like to commiserate with Frankston's Charlie Egan and Ian Loughnane from Croydon. They were unlucky not to win the award and they're a couple of good blokes. I wish them all the best next year.

"When I first came here the biggest problem I had was getting used to the heat but the clubs here are more professionally run than even Second Division in Scotland. I think money has a lot to do with it. You get twice as much here as you get in Second Division back home."

While most players wind down after an exacting season Macleod looks forward to October's State League Cup competition. It could be the last time he's seen in Green Gully Ajax colors.

"I'm contracted to the Gully still and I've got a job to do for the club in the State League Cup. My whole future's up in the air at present. I don't know if I'll be back in Australia or not next year."

THE QUIET MASTER, THAT'S KAPETANOVIC

In what trade or business can you achieve an almost 100 percent success rate — and still lose your job?

Why, soccer, of course!

The latest personality to find out just how fleeting fame is in soccer is Croatia's outstanding coach Domagoj Kapetanovic.

This year, just as everyone was expecting St George's and its charismatic manager-coach Frank Ark to sweep all and sundry aside on its triumphant way to the State League premiership, the quiet, unassuming, virtually unknown and certainly unheralded Kapetanovic upset all the pundits.

His Croatia side stopped the St George's steamroller dead in its tracks and took out the NSW premiership with an unbeaten record.

Then, Croatia lost the NSW grand final by the narrowest possible margin — and within days Kapetanovic was gone from the post he first assumed in April 1980.

The very fact that a soccer expert of his calibre is a virtual unknown after almost two seasons in Australian soccer speaks volumes for his personality and puts the soccer speaks volumes for his personality and puts the soccer media in a less than favorable light.

It does seem that the introvert, the controversial, those who carry favor, get all the attention — regardless of results.

If you are like Kapetanovic (and he isn't alone; remember Gerry Chalki?) and prefer in the long run to let your results speak for themselves, then you are either ignored, or quickly forgotten.

Domagoj Kapetanovic is out of work as a coach, and the "reasons" he advances for the parting of the ways are so silly that they are hard to take seriously.

The failure to forward invitations to committee members for a pre-Grand Final barbeque ("I was told last year that all my deal-

ings with the Committee must be through the team manager, so I left the matter in his hands.")

Failure to stop player Bruno Vidale from appearing on television ("I'm now told he should have sought permission first, although he was completely non-cooperative during the few minutes on camera.")

Allowing Eddie Krnoevic to train with the Croatia squad after Maroon's commitments for the year ended ("Eddie is planning to try his luck in Europe very soon and was looking for ways to keep in shape.")

"I considered these incidents for a few days, came to the conclusion that they were all ridiculous and decided to quit; it's as simple as that," Kapetanovic said.

He does feel some regrets because, "It is a good squad, with prime potential for the future — in the right hands and without undue interference from outside."

"Unfortunately, some influential members of my committee haven't supported me during the season and were looking for ways to get rid of me."

"Rumors were spread that some officials thought I was overpaid and, frankly, I do not coach just for the money."

"I can make a very nice living out of my business," said Kapetanovic, the proud owner of a thriving retail coffee outlet at the plant Bankstown Square complex in Sydney's West-end Suburbs.

"Over the years I have already made my

name and have many major achievements as a player and coach in soccer.

"What I am looking for now is peace of mind and enjoyment from the sport, as well as a measure of understanding and a reasonably free hand with my team — something I haven't had with Croatia," he said.

Speaking about past achievements, Kapetanovic certainly has an impressive list on hand.

For instance:

Playing career with Concordia, Lokomotive and Dinamo Zagreb.

Represented Croatia as a senior and junior player, — a number of times under legendary Hungarian coach Merton Sukovi.

An eight year stint as coach first with the juniors, and then in charge of the senior team of Dinamo Zagreb.

For two seasons assistant to the world renowned Milan Miljenic when he was in charge of the Yugoslav national team.

Later coach/manager of First Division sides Velez Mostar and Zagreb.

Then a stint in Greek First Division with OFI of Crete.

A "return engagement" with Dinamo Zagreb.

More globally, first coaching Ahil Banchad to the Lyttelton championship title, then taking charge of Toronto Metros Croatia for the season in which they won the North Amer-



Domagoj Kapetanovic

ican Soccer League Championship, the coveted Soccer Bowl.

Then, to fill in prior to coming to Australia, Kapetanovic was in charge of Orljak back in his own country.

Why Australia?

"My wife and I heard a lot about this beautiful country and wanted to see whether it could be our home; and I also like working with Croatian people, so I grabbed the chance to take over the reins at Croatia Sydney."

Well, the honeymoon has come to an abrupt end, but Domagoj Kapetanovic has credentials which are almost unique in Australia.

Can we afford to let him go the way of Joe Marston, Joe Viselits, Gerry Chalki, Donos Adigan and others, and disappear into suburban oblivion?

That list is indictment enough of our soccer society without adding the name of Domagoj Kapetanovic.

For Cirkovic and J.U.S.T. it's a decade of a devotion

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Cedo Cirkovic maintained his reputation as one of the most astute and loyal coaches in the game by achieving somewhat of a miracle in saving Footscray J.U.S.T. from relegation.

Cirkovic, a J.U.S.T. club man through and through, has been coach since 1972, with only one break, between early 1979 and late 1980.

Before that, he played for J.U.S.T. from 1965 to 1971, when he switched to Heidelberg-Alexander as player-coach to save that club from relegation.

After returning to J.U.S.T.

he won the 1973 State League championship, the 1974, '75 and '76 State League Cups, the 1975 Ampol Cup and the 1976 Dockery Cup.

But since the start of the national league, he has labored under enormous difficulties. It was due to these difficulties that he quit in early 1979. J.U.S.T. had imported players in bulk, and its supporters expected the team therefore to achieve great things. Cirkovic said the players were not good enough and of course he was proved right.

It has been Cirkovic's misfortune over recent years to be given players picked out not by him, but by others. Surely it is time for J.U.S.T. to give its coach a free hand in recruiting.

Cirkovic wanted to buy Gary Cole from Wilhelmia but the committee resisted and Cole went to Heidelberg. This year Cirkovic wanted Dave Brogan from Croydon, but again the committee dithered and Brogan went to Croatia instead.

There were fears that Cirkovic would quit earlier this year over Irish imports Jim McLaughlin and Mike McIvor. Cirkovic maintained neither was good enough for the national team. Some committee members disagreed, and there was pressure on Cirkovic to use the players. Again he was proved right, however, and both were transferred to Doveton.

Before the national league started, J.U.S.T. sold its top player, Branko Buljevic, to Heidelberg. No player of similar class was recruited to replace Buljevic. Since then, the club also has lost Frank Miodic, Mendo Ristovski, Joe Palinkas, John Nicolaidis, Alan Parrott, Joe Piccone, Andy Kazi and Jim Kiriari.

At the start of this season, J.U.S.T. was red hot favorite for relegation. If things looked

bad at the start, they got even worse when Piccone was sold to Marconi and Slobodan Jovanovic missed games through injury. It wasn't until the seventh or eighth game that Zdravko Lujic returned from Yugoslavia, and it was much later that John Verweij came down from Brisbane Lions.

Verweij and Steve Kakantoni, on loan from Hellas, are the only new players in the team. Nebojsa Licanin, who was to be the club's saviour, came mid-season after being out of soccer for a year, failed miserably and was sent back to Yugoslavia.

Makedonia saved itself from relegation by buying good players Peter Boyle, Isaac Farrell and Richard Wilson. Shrewd recruiting enabled Hellas to come so close to its first championship win.

But Cirkovic had to make do with what he had. He worked hard at it, and he has every justification to be proud of his players, and thankful for the support of club leaders John Ivanovic, Tony Kovac and Zika Karic.

On its home ground, J.U.S.T. virtually was unbeatable after its shaky opening to the season, reflecting a solid

understanding between coach and players and between and players themselves.

The most notable performers were Lujic, who was the focal point of the attack but should have got into the penalty box more often instead of staying exclusively on the left; goalkeeper Dennis Boland who remains among the elite in Australia; centre back Jim Kondarios who returned to peak form in the second half of the season; and midfielders Zoran Iloski and Slobodan Jovanovic.

Veteran Jim Milne got better and better as the season went on, even when switched from full back to midfield, and young Bruno Cozzella continued to improve to such an extent that he ended up as the team's top scorer.

Cirkovic knows he needs a few reinforcements for next year and obviously has a few in mind. Forward Milan Kojic and defender Slobodan Popovic, who will switch from Northcote next season, should help the team, but there is talk that Lujic wants to join a Sydney club and that Kondarios may retire.

And what of Cirkovic? Nine years with only one club is a long time. Can J.U.S.T. persuade him to complete a decade?



John Campelj (right) accepts the 1981 Weinstein Medal for the Best under-16 player in Victoria from VSF chairman Michael Weinstein after whom the award is named.

John Margaritis accepts his trophy as 1980 coach of the Year.

Margaritis still the Hellas supremo

John Margaritis last week signed a new two-year contract as coach of South Melbourne Hellas.

Margaritis, a former star midfielder with Hellas, was named Coach of the Year in 1980 after having lifted Hellas from last place into the top four.

This year Hellas came second behind Sydney City Hakoah.

Hellas already has started work on strengthening its squad for next season.

It has spoken of Rothmans Medallist Charlie Egan of Frankston and is likely to try him out on an end-of-season trip to Tasmania at the weekend.

Hellas president Sam Pappasavas denied that he had made any approaches for APFA's Phil O'Connor. An offer had been made to Steve Sumner of Newcastle, but he has so far not responded.

The contracts of many of Hellas's players have expired, and negotiations are under way. The players include captain Alun Evans and Arthur Xanthopoulos.

Meanwhile, George Christopoulos still is in Europe, trying to join a club. Newcastle United of England was interested in him and talked in terms of a \$20,000 transfer fee, but Hellas wants more like \$50,000.

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FOOTBALL FIXTURES and 6 YEARS HOME RESULTS

English and Scottish League Fixtures for Season 1981-82
Matches played on ground of first mentioned club

FRIDAY, 8th OCTOBER, 1981

English League — Division III
Southend United v Bristol Rovers
English League — Division IV
York City v Darlington

SATURDAY, 10th OCTOBER, 1981

English League — Division I									
Birmingham City v Southampton	1-1	2-3	2-3	1-1	1-2	1-2	0-0	0-0	0-0
Coventry City v Aston Villa	2-0	3-1	1-0	1-1	3-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Liverpool v Leeds United	2-2	1-3	0-3	2-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Manchester City v Manchester United	0-0	2-2	1-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Middlesbrough v Nottingham Forest	1-1	2-0	3-1	1-0	2-2	2-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Notts County v Sunderland	0-1	2-2	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Swansea City v Arsenal	1-1	2-0	3-1	1-0	2-2	2-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Tottenham Hotspur v Stoke City	2-0	2-3	2-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
West Bromwich Albion v Brighton	0-1	2-2	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
West Ham United v Everton	0-1	2-2	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0

English League — Division II

Blackburn Rovers v Barnsley	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Bolton Wanderers v Leicester City	2-0	2-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Chelsea v Wrexham	2-0	2-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Crystal Palace v Rotherham United	4-3	2-2	1-2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Grimsby Town v Cambridge United	1-1	1-2	1-0	2-0	2-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Newcastle United v Derby County	2-0	2-3	2-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Oldham Athletic v Luton Town	1-3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Queens Park Rangers v Norwich City	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Sheff Wednesday v Cardiff City	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Shrewsbury Town v Charlton Athletic	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Welford v Orient	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0

English League — Division III

Season 1976 '77 '78 '79 '80 '81									
Bristol City v Preston North End	1-3	3-1	4-1	1-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Exeter City v Brentford	0-0	3-2	2-2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Huddersfield Town v Fulham	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Lincoln City v Wimbledon	2-3	1-2	1-0	3-0	2-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Newport County v Doncaster Rovers	1-3	2-1	2-2	4-2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Plymouth Argyle v Gillingham	2-0	2-2	0-0	2-2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Portsmouth v Burnley	2-2	0-0	1-1	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Reading v Chesterfield	2-2	0-0	1-1	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Swindon Town v Carlisle United	0-0	1-1	0-0	2-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0

English League — Division IV

Blackpool v Torquay United	0-0	1-1	0-0	2-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Bournemouth v Northampton Town	1-0	2-1	1-1	0-2	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Crewe Alexandra v Scunthorpe United	1-2	2-2	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Hartlepool United v Peterborough United	1-2	0-0	2-2	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Hereford United v Halifax Town	1-0	2-2	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Mansfield Town v Hull City	1-0	2-2	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Port Vale v Sheffield United	1-2	0-0	0-0	3-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Tranmere Rovers v Burnley	1-2	0-0	0-0	3-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Wigan Athletic v Stockport County	2-0	3-1	2-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0

Scottish Premier League

Airdrie v Dundee	2-2	3-3	2-4	2-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Dundee United v Partick Thistle	0-0	5-2	2-0	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Hibernian v Morton	1-0	1-0	3-1	1-1	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-1
Rangers v Aberdeen	3-3	0-1	2-1	0-2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
St Mirren v Celtic	1-0	2-1	0-0	2-2	3-2	2-1	0-0	0-0	0-0

Scottish League — Division I

Dumbarton v Hamilton	5-1	1-2	1-0	2-0	3-2	2-1	0-0	0-0	0-0
East Stirling v St Johnstone	2-4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Kilmarnock v Ayr United	1-0	2-4	3-0	0-2	3-2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Queen of the South v Hearts	3-0	1-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Queen's Park v Dunfermline	1-0	2-1	0-0	4-2	2-4	0-4	0-0	0-0	0-0
Ruth Rovers v Clydebank	1-0	2-1	0-0	4-2	2-4	0-4	0-0	0-0	0-0

Scottish League — Division II

Alloa v Berwick Rangers	2-0	1-3	1-2	1-1	2-0	2-2	0-0	0-0	0-0
Brechin City v Albion Rovers	0-2	3-1	1-1	2-0	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Clyde v East Fife	2-1	1-1	2-0	2-0	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Cowdenbeath v Stranraer	1-1	0-0	2-0	2-3	5-3	3-2	0-0	0-0	0-0
Forfar Athletic v Meadowbank Thistle	1-1	0-0	2-0	2-3	5-3	3-2	0-0	0-0	0-0
Stirling Albion v Arbroath	0-0	2-1	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0

SUNDAY, 11th OCTOBER, 1981

English League — Division III

Bradford City v Aldershot	3-1	0-2	2-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Rochdale v Colchester United	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0

English League — Division IV

Blackburn Rovers v Barnsley	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Bolton Wanderers v Leicester City	2-0	2-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Chelsea v Wrexham	2-0	2-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Crystal Palace v Rotherham United	4-3	2-2	1-2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Grimsby Town v Cambridge United	1-1	1-2	1-0	2-0	2-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Newcastle United v Derby County	2-0	2-3	2-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Oldham Athletic v Luton Town	1-3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Queens Park Rangers v Norwich City	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Sheff Wednesday v Cardiff City	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Shrewsbury Town v Charlton Athletic	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Welford v Orient	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0

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ENGLISH DIVISION ONE: Birmingham 2, West Ham 2, Brighton 4, Manchester City 1, Leeds 1, Aston Villa 1, Liverpool 2, Swansea 2, Manchester United 0, Wolverhampton 0, Notts County 2, Arsenal 1, Southampton 1, Ipswich 3, Stoke 3, Everton 1, Sunderland 0, Coventry 0, Tottenham 3, Nottingham Forest 0, West Bromwich 0, Middlesbrough 0.

ENGLISH DIVISION TWO: Bolton 1, Grimsby 2, Cambridge 1, Chelsea 0, Cardiff 0, Newcastle 4, Charlton 2, Derby 1, Leicester 1, Crystal Palace 1, Norwich 1, Oldham 2, Orient 0, Luton 3, Queens Park Rangers 2, Blackburn 0, Sheffield Wednesday 0, Wrexham 3, Shrewsbury 2, Rotherham 1, Welford 3, Barnsley 1.

ENGLISH DIVISION THREE: Brentford 2, Bristol City 0, Watford 1, Burnley 0, Swindon 2, Chesterfield 2, Portsmouth 2, Exeter 1, Millwall 4, Lincoln 2, Newport 2, Oxford 2, Fulham 0, Preston 0, Bristol Rovers 1, Reading 1, Huddersfield 2, Southend 3, Plymouth 0, Walsingham 0, Gillingham 2.

ENGLISH DIVISION FOUR: Darlington 0, Peterborough 0, Hales 2, Bury 1, Haverhill 1, Harlow 1, Hull 1, Truro 2, Mansfield 2, Blackpool 2, Scarborough 1, Bradford 3, Stockport 1, Bournemouth 2, Wigan 1, Torquay 0, York 3, Sheffield 4.

SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION: Aberdeen 2, Morton 0, Celtic 1, Hibernian 1, Dundee United 1, Partick 1, St Mirren 1, Rangers 4, Arbroath 1.

SCOTTISH DIVISION ONE: Dumbarton 2, St Johnstone 1, Falkirk 3, Hamilton 0, Kilmarnock 0, Dunfermline 1, Motherwell 3, East Stirling 0, Queen of the South 2, Clydebank 1, Dundee Park 1, Hearts 0, Raith 0, Ayr 1.

SCOTTISH DIVISION TWO: Albion 1, Queen's Park 3, Alloa 2, Arbroath 1, Brechin 2, East Fife 1, Clyde 1, Meadowbank 0, Cowdenbeath 0, Montrose 0, Forfar 3, Stranraer 1, Stirling Albion 1, Stirling 0.

SCOTTISH DIVISION THREE: Dundee 0, Dundee United 0, Dundee Park 0, Dundee Thistle 0, Dundee Rangers 0, Dundee Athletic 0, Dundee United 0, Dundee Park 0, Dundee Thistle 0, Dundee Rangers 0, Dundee Athletic 0.

SCOTTISH DIVISION FOUR: Dundee 0, Dundee United 0, Dundee Park 0, Dundee Thistle 0, Dundee Rangers 0, Dundee Athletic 0, Dundee United 0, Dundee Park 0, Dundee Thistle 0, Dundee Rangers 0, Dundee Athletic 0.

SCOTTISH DIVISION FIVE: Dundee 0, Dundee United 0, Dundee Park 0, Dundee Thistle 0, Dundee Rangers 0, Dundee Athletic 0, Dundee United 0, Dundee Park 0, Dundee Thistle 0, Dundee Rangers 0, Dundee Athletic 0.

SCOTTISH DIVISION SIX: Dundee 0, Dundee United 0, Dundee Park 0, Dundee Thistle 0, Dundee Rangers 0, Dundee Athletic 0, Dundee United 0, Dundee Park 0, Dundee Thistle 0, Dundee Rangers 0, Dundee Athletic 0.

SCOTTISH DIVISION SEVEN: Dundee 0, Dundee United 0, Dundee Park 0, Dundee Thistle 0, Dundee Rangers 0, Dundee Athletic 0, Dundee United 0, Dundee Park 0, Dundee Thistle 0, Dundee Rangers 0, Dundee Athletic 0.

SCOTTISH DIVISION EIGHT: Dundee 0, Dundee United 0, Dundee Park 0, Dundee Thistle 0, Dundee Rangers 0, Dundee Athletic 0, Dundee United 0, Dundee Park 0, Dundee Thistle 0, Dundee Rangers 0, Dundee Athletic 0.

SCOTTISH DIVISION NINE: Dundee 0, Dundee United 0, Dundee Park 0, Dundee Thistle 0, Dundee Rangers 0, Dundee Athletic 0, Dundee United 0, Dundee Park 0, Dundee Thistle 0, Dundee Rangers 0, Dundee Athletic 0.

SCOTTISH DIVISION TEN: Dundee 0, Dundee United 0, Dundee Park 0, Dundee Thistle 0, Dundee Rangers 0, Dundee Athletic 0, Dundee United 0, Dundee Park 0, Dundee Thistle 0, Dundee Rangers 0, Dundee Athletic 0.

SCOTTISH DIVISION ELEVEN: Dundee 0, Dundee United 0, Dundee Park 0, Dundee Thistle 0, Dundee Rangers 0, Dundee Athletic 0, Dundee United 0, Dundee Park 0, Dundee Thistle 0, Dundee Rangers 0, Dundee Athletic 0.

SCOTTISH DIVISION TWELVE: Dundee 0, Dundee United 0, Dundee Park 0, Dundee Thistle 0, Dundee Rangers 0, Dundee Athletic 0, Dundee United 0, Dundee Park 0, Dundee Thistle 0, Dundee Rangers 0, Dundee Athletic 0.

SCOTTISH DIVISION THIRTEEN: Dundee 0, Dundee United 0, Dundee Park 0, Dundee Thistle 0, Dundee Rangers 0, Dundee Athletic 0, Dundee United 0, Dundee Park 0, Dundee Thistle 0, Dundee Rangers 0, Dundee Athletic 0.

SCOTTISH DIVISION FOURTEEN: Dundee 0, Dundee United 0, Dundee Park 0, Dundee Thistle 0, Dundee Rangers 0, Dundee Athletic 0, Dundee United 0, Dundee Park 0, Dundee Thistle 0, Dundee Rangers 0, Dundee Athletic 0.

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SCOTTISH DIVISION TWENTY: Dundee 0, Dundee United 0, Dundee Park 0, Dundee Thistle 0, Dundee Rangers 0, Dundee Athletic 0, Dundee United 0, Dundee Park 0, Dundee Thistle 0, Dundee Rangers 0, Dundee Athletic 0.

SCOTTISH DIVISION TWENTY-ONE: Dundee 0, Dundee United 0, Dundee Park 0, Dundee Thistle 0, Dundee Rangers 0, Dundee Athletic 0, Dundee United 0, Dundee Park 0, Dundee Thistle 0, Dundee Rangers 0, Dundee Athletic 0.

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Ipswich, Celtic too, goals galore

The giants of European soccer went on the goal rampage in 56 ties in the continent's three club competitions.

In the Champions' Cup, holder Liverpool of England hit luckless Oulu of Finland for seven. Red Star went one better against Hibernians of Malta in Belgrade, and Bayern Munich of West Germany smashed five past Swedish guests Ostersunds.

The one big name which will be missing from the second round draw in Zurich will be Celtic of Scotland, the 1967 European champion.

Celtic's 1-0 first leg lead was erased after just 28 minutes against Juventus in Turin when Paolo Virzidis unleashed a rocket shot past goalkeeper Pat Bonnar.

Striker Roberto Bettiga secured a Juventus victory 12 minutes later when he took a pass from international teammate Marco Tardelli to beat Bonnar with a well-placed shot from 10 metres.

Liverpool, chasing its fourth European Cup triumph, annihilated Oulu for the second time in 12 months. Last season it beat the Finns 11-2 on aggregate in the first round.

Liverpool which won 1-0 in Finland, had to be satisfied with just seven goals this time. Terry McDermott scored twice and Kenny Dalglish, Ray Kennedy, David Johnson, Ian Rush and Mark Lawrenson adding the others.

Bayern, champion in the years 1974-76, tends to play well if European Footballer of the Year Karl-Heinz Rummenigge is in form.

Rummenigge, who scored the only goal of the first leg against Ostersunds in Sweden, was in tune with a double. His West German international teammate Dieter Hoess also scored two goals, and Kurt Niedermayer took the tally to five.

Portugal's Benfica became the third former champion to stroll into round two, although it did so in less spectacular fashion against Olimpia Nicosia in Cyprus.

Benfica, which won the trophy in 1961 and 1962, completed a 4-0 aggregate thanks to a solitary second half goal from Chalhana.

The UEFA Cup provided one major upset when holder Ipswich of England fell at the first hurdle against Aberdeen in Scotland.

Ipswich, the English league leader, paid the price for managing only a 1-1 draw at home in the first leg.

They fell behind when Gordon Strachan netted a 18th-minute penalty but pulled level when his Scottish international teammate, John Wark, equalised from the penalty spot 15 minutes later.

But the second half belonged to Aberdeen, with winger Peter Weir crashing two astonishing goals past Ipswich goalkeeper Paul Cooper.

Cup Winners' Cup holder Dynamo Tbilisi of the Soviet Union owed its success over Graz in Austria to dynamic international winger Ramis Shengelia.

Shengelia scored both goals as Dynamo drew 2-2 to qualify on a 3-2 aggregate.

European Cup
Aston Villa (England) 2 KB Copenhagen (Denmark) 2
Copenhagen qualify on an aggregate score of 3-3 (away goals rule).

Benik Ostrava (Czechoslovakia) 2 Ferencváros (Hungary) 0
Benik Ostrava qualify on aggregate 2-0. Scorers: Strahner 79, Knepp 14, 54. Benik Ostrava qualify on aggregate of 5-3.

Liverpool (England) 7 Oulu Pelloso (Finland) 0
Liverpool qualify on aggregate of 6-0.

Vakar Raykjavik (Iceland) 0 Aston Villa (England) 2
Villa qualify 7-0 on aggregate.

Partizan Tirana (Albania) 1 Austria Vienna 0
Vienna qualify 3-2 on aggregate.

Gloranor (Northern Ireland) 4 Progress Niedercorn (Luxembourg) 0
Gloranor qualify 5-1 on aggregate.

Bayern Munich (West Germany) 5 Ostersunds (Sweden) 0
Bayern qualify on aggregate of 6-0.

Real Sociedad (Spain) 0 CSKA Sofia (Bulgaria) 0
CSKA qualify on aggregate of 1-0.

AZ 07 Alkmaar (Netherlands) 1 Start Kristiansund (Norway) 0
Alkmaar qualify on aggregate of 4-1.

Juventus (Italy) 2 Glasgow Celtic (Scotland) 0
Juventus qualify on aggregate of 2-1.

Anderlecht (Belgium) 2 Widzan Lodz (Poland) 1
Anderlecht qualify on aggregate of 6-2.

F.C. Zurich 3 Dynamo Berlin (East Germany) 1
Zurich qualify on aggregate of 3-3 (away goals rule).

Red Star Belgrade (Yugoslavia) 8 Hibernians (Malta) 0
Red Star qualify 10-2 on aggregate.

UEFA Cup
Aragés Pitești (Romania) 4 Apollon Nicosia (Cyprus) 0
Aragés Pitești qualify on aggregate of 5-1.

Radnicki Nis (Yugoslavia) 0 Naples (Italy) 0
Half time 0-0. Rad-

nicki Nis qualify on aggregate of 2-2.

Aris Salonika (Greece) 4 Silema Wanderers (Malta) 0
Aris Salonika qualify on aggregate of 4-2.

CSKA Moscow (USSR) 2 Sturm Graz (Austria) 1
Half time 1-0. Sturm Graz qualify on aggregate of 2-2.

Widza Krakow (Poland) 1 Malmoe FF (Sweden) 3
Malmoe qualify on aggregate of 4-1.

Videoton Szekesfehervar (Hungary) 0 Rapid Vienna 2
Vienna qualify on aggregate of 4-2.

Akademik Sofia 1 Kaiserslautern (West Germany) 2
Kaiserslautern qualify on aggregate of 3-1.

Asterico Madrid (Spain) 3 Boavista (Portugal) 1
Half time 1-1. Boavista won 5-4 on aggregate.

West Bromwich Albion (England) 1 Graaohoppers Zurich (Switzerland) 3
Zurich qualify on aggregate of 4-2.

Dundee United (Scotland) 1 A.S. Monaco (France) 2
Dundee United qualify on aggregate of 3-1.

FC Utrecht (Netherlands) 3 HVB Hamburg (West Germany) 3
Hamburg qualify on aggregate of 6-4.

Carl Zeiss Jena (East Germany) 4 Dynamo Tirana (Albania) 0
Jena qualify on aggregate of 4-1.

Dynamo Leningrad (USSR) 1, Dresden qualify 6-2 on aggregate of 6-2.

Sparta Prague (Czechoslovakia) 3, Neuchatel Xamax (Switzerland) 2
Half time 0-2. Neuchatel won 6-3 on aggregate.

Spartak (Bulgaria) 2, Dynamo Bucharest (Romania) 1
Half time 2-0. Dynamo won 4-2 on aggregate.

Southampton (England) 1, Limerick (Ireland) 1
Half time 0-0. Southampton won 4-1 on aggregate.

Unifred (Northern Ireland) 0, Beveren (Belgium) 5
Half time 0-0. Beveren won 5-0 on aggregate.

Lokeren (Belgium) 4, Nantes (France) 2
Half time 2-0. Lokeren won 5-3 on aggregate.

Real Madrid (Spain) 1, Tatabánya (Hungary) 0
Madrid qualify on aggregate of 2-2 (away goals rule).

Inter Milan (Italy) 4, Adanaspor (Turkey) 1
Inter Milan qualify on aggregate of 7-2.

Red Boys Differdingen (Luxembourg) 0, Sporting Union 7
Lyon qualify on aggregate of 11-0.

Bordeaux (France) 4, Villingen Raykjavik (Iceland) 0
Bordeaux qualify on aggregate of 8-0.

Winterthur (Belgium) 1, Bryne (Norway) 2
Winterthur qualify on aggregate of 3-2.

Borussia Moenchengladbach (West Germany) 2, FC Magdeburg (East Germany) 0
Magdeburg qualify on aggregate of 3-3 (away goals rule).

F.C. Brugge (Belgium) 1, Spartak Moscow 3
Moscow qualify on aggregate of 6-2.

Næstved (Denmark) 2, PSV Eindhoven (Netherlands) 1
Eindhoven qualify on aggregate of 8-2.

VFB Stuttgart (West Germany) 2, Hajduk Split (Yugoslavia) 2
Split qualify on aggregate of 6-3.

Arsenal (England) 1, Panathinaikos Athens (Greece) 0
Arsenal qualify on aggregate of 3-0.

Sombierki Bytom (Poland) 0, Feyenoord Rotterdam (Holland) 0
Feyenoord qualify on aggregate of 2-0.

IFK Goteborg (Sweden) 4, Velez Mostar (Yugoslavia) 0
Goteborg qualify on aggregate of 7-2.

Onomias Nicosia (Cyprus) 0, Benfica Lisbon 1
Benfica qualify on aggregate of 2-0.

Cup Winners' Cup
Tottenham Hotspur (England) 3, Ajax Amsterdam (Netherlands) 0
Half time 2-0. Tottenham won 6-1 on aggregate.

Trakia Plovdiv (Bulgaria) 1, Barcelona 0
Half time 1-0. Scorers: Slavov 34, Barcelona qualify on aggregate of 4-2.

Vasas Budapest (Hungary) 8, Paralimni (Cyprus) 0
Half time 1-0. Scorers: Vasas 33, 35, 70, 78, 80, 82, 83, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100. Vasas qualify on aggregate of 8-1.

Lokomotiv Leipzig (East Germany) 2, Swansea City (Wales) 1
Half time 2-0. Scorers: Lokomotiv Leipzig: Kinn 14, Moidt 22; For Swansea City: Charles 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100. Lokomotiv Leipzig qualify on aggregate of 3-1.

Lagis Warsaw (Poland) 4, Vasterlengen Oslo (Norway) 1
Half time 2-1. Scorers: Lagis Warsaw: Baran 1, Adamczyk 67, Topolski 56, and Miloszewicz 80; For Vasterlengen Oslo: Moen 88; Lagis Warsaw qualify on aggregate of 6-3.

Velez Mostar (Yugoslavia) 6, Jeunesse Esch (Luxembourg) 1
Half time 1-0. Scorers: For Velez Mostar: Okan 29, 33, Brodzki 40, Meteljevic 55, 58, and Baljevic 67; For Jeunesse Esch: Scheitler 80. Velez Mostar qualify on aggregate of 7-2.

Glasgow Rangers (Scotland) 2, Dukla Prague (Czechoslovakia) 1
Dukla qualify on aggregate of 4-2.

Graz AK (Austria) 2, Dynamo Tbilisi 1
Graz AK qualify on aggregate of 4-2.

A.S. Roma (Italy) 4, Ballymena (Northern Ireland) 0
Roma qualify on aggregate of 6-0.

Dundalk (Ireland) 4, Fram Reykjavik (Iceland) 0
Dundalk qualify on aggregate of 5-2.

Bastia (France) 5, Kip Kotka (Finland) 0
Bastia qualify on aggregate of 5-0.

F.K. Kalmar (Sweden) 3, Lusitane (Switzerland) 2
Lusitane qualify on aggregate of 4-4 (away goals rule).

F.C. Porto (Portugal) 3, Vejle (Denmark) 0
Porto qualify on aggregate of 4-2.

PAOK Salonika (Greece) 2, Eintracht Frankfurt (West Germany) 0
Frankfurt qualify on aggregate 5-4 after 2-2 aggregate draw.

Standard Liege (Belgium) 9, Fiorentina (Italy) 0
Half time 4-0. Standard Liege won 12-1 on aggregate.



SOCCER AROUND THE WORLD

WOODD OUT, SUMMER BEST

By PAUL MOON

The six Australian based members of the New Zealand World Cup team experienced mixed fortunes during their country's 0-0 draw with China in Beijing.

Both Brian Turner and Steve Wooddin received yellow cards, particularly harrowing to Wooddin who was automatically suspended from Sunday's return game in Auckland, having also been booked in the previous World Cup encounter.

The South Melbourne Hellas man caused the Chinese defence some anxious moments with his powerful running and 30 metre shots, but lacked support.

In contrast, twin striker Turner seldom looked dangerous, although he worked hard and gave valuable support to a midfield which flagged in the second half.

Steve Summer was the pick of the New Zealanders. Strong in defence and purposeful in the middle of the park, his forays upfield often stretched a competent Chinese rear-guard.

An ankle injury jeopardised

Summer's chances of playing in the second match.

Another casualty was Glen Dods. Doubtful before kick off with a hamstring injury, the Adelaide City Juventus full back was substituted in the 68th minute after a workmanlike performance.

Duncan Cole worked quietly and industriously as usual, although his long range shooting was badly astray.

Richard Wilson though had

the greatest reason for satisfaction. The game marked his eighth successive clean sheet in World Cup games.

765 playing minutes have elapsed since the Preston Makedonia keeper was beaten by an Eddie Krncevic header at Mount Smart Stadium.

Solid and safe, Wilson was equal to everything the Chinese threw at him. A full stretch save at the foot of the right hand post late in the game was especially vital.

Tenacious in defence and extremely speedy in moving forward, particularly down the flanks, China proved a more than useful combination and was the better side, particularly in the second period.

The Kiwis, for whom a draw always was acceptable, had to thank central defenders Ricki Herbert and Bobby Almond for the scoreless outcome.

The big question for Australian fans no doubt is: Would the Socceroos have fared better?

The answer of course depends upon which Australian team we are referring to. It would be hard to imagine the sterile side that opposed New Zealand in Sydney gaining any joy in Beijing, however Australian's best unit, playing with pride and confidence, would have little to fear.

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New Zealand appeared strangely reluctant to exploit the Chinese defence's lack of authority in the air.

Little imagination would be



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needed to envisage an inform Gary Cole causing havoc in the Chinese goal mouth, particularly with a quicksilver David Mitchell alongside sniffing out half chances.

China's main attacking weapons were two pacy wingers who looked capable of worrying any full backs. New Zealand's disciplined defence was able to restrict scoring opportunities to a minimum though, and there was little evidence that John Yzen-dorn would not have been just as successful.

China however has improved immensely in the past few years and its energy and ambition suggests that it still is at an early stage in its development.

With the 1988 World Cup in mind, that can only abate bad news for Australia and everybody else in the Asia-Oceania area.

German star banned, Best back to U.S.?

A Swiss court ordered a ban on two West German soccer brothers, one a World Cup star. They were said to have tricked a referee into 'booking' the wrong brother.

It upheld a European Football Union (UEFA) ban on ace defender Karl-Heinz Forster and his brother Bernd. Their club, Stuttgart, had appealed to the Bernese civil court.

UEFA banned them both for three European club games last December against another West German club, Cologne. The referee intended to warn Karl-Heinz Forster for a foul but said he had been duped into showing the yellow card to Bernd instead.

It is now doubtful that football maestro George Best will return to his old club Manchester United. The 35 year old Best met with manager Ron Atkinson and after brief talks Atkinson said he thought Best would remain in America. "I'm not really all that bothered," said Atkinson.

The Uruguayan government has launched an investigation following press allegations that its football officials tried to bribe European players before a World Cup qualifying match in Lima earlier this month. The match on September 6 ended in a goalless draw, clinching Peru's place in the World Cup Finals in Spain next year and ending Uruguay's hopes of qualifying.

Names in the news: Yevgeni Rogov, a Russian, is manager now of Algeria. Deigo Maradona has been voted South American Footballer of the Year by El Mundo of Caracas. ... TSCHIK CAJKOVSKI is new boss of Graz AK ... DIDT is new manager of Cruzeiro ... ZICO scores his 500th career goal ... FERENC PUSKAS stays one more year at Port Said, and may then take on the Egyptian national team ... JOSE AL-TAFINI has come out of retirement to play for Swiss second division club, Mendrisiotto ... GABANO SCIREA of Juventus has been named Italian players' player of the year ... KAZIMIERZ GORSKI is back with Legia Warszawa ... JOHAN NEESEKENS has made his peace with New York Cosmos ... SCHUMACHER causes a stir by alleging regular use of dope in the Bundesliga ... GORT HIRSHESCH replaced FELIX MAGAT as Hamburg captain after a vote among the squad.

Dallas Tornado soccer club had folded after 15 years. Owner Lamar Hunt said: "Through the years we have made some bad decisions but the major shortcoming is that economics have simply run away with reality. Operating costs — specifically player costs — far outstripped the organisations ability to produce revenue to stay alive."

Washington Diplomats also have gone into liquidation. Coventry City have been general partners in the Diplomats franchise and it is understood

From JIM COOK our European correspondent



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The 1-1 draw in Bucharest between Rumania and England was the worst possible result for England's slender World Cup hopes. Ron Greenwood must pray for a miracle. Big bookmakers Ladbrookes have now lengthened England's odds of qualifying from 2-1 to 3-1 and from 66-1 to 100-1 against them winning the World Cup.

John Barnwell the Wolves manager admitted "I'm facing the task ... but I'll continue to put my job on the line to stand by my beliefs." Barnwell is adamant he will continue to stand by young players with potential in a matter of principle which he says means more to him than any job.

Doug Ellis, a Birmingham based travel agent and millionaire, is hoping to gain control of ailing Derby County when a new share issue is placed on the market soon. Ellis is a former chairman of Aston Villa will almost certainly try and entice Brian Clough and Peter Taylor back if he succeeds in controlling Derby which is bogged down with a \$1,500,000 overdraft.

Chelsea soccer player Stephen Mulcaire, 20, was killed when the car he was travelling

in crashed into a telegraph pole during a storm.

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ZBIGNIEW BONIEK is back!

Suspended mid way through last season for leading a player revolt on the eve of the World Cup tie against Malta, the Polish midfield general was fortunate enough that his club, Widzew Lodz, were able to carry on and win the league.

Now Boniek, and fellow renegades goalkeeper Josef Mlynarczyk and defender Wladyslaw Zmuda, are playing again ... Boniek having returned to duty in a tournament in Ilast in Denmark.

Born in Bydgoszcz on March 3, 1956, Boniek started his footballing career at 12 when he joined Zawisza. This actually upset his father who had played for another local side, Polonia, and had hoped his son would follow in his footsteps.

But this was just his first step ... at 17 Boniek joined Widzew, who were then in the second division and has since rocketed them to the top. In 1975 he made his debut in the first team, and on March 24, 1976, he won his first cap for Poland, against Argentina in Chorzow. In 1978 and 1979 he was voted Footballer of the Year.

What does being famous mean socially and economically? Economically nothing. I am an amateur player like all the others in the Polish league. But my performances in soccer have helped improve my social standing. When you do well in sport, you get some privileges, such as material goods.

What do you do besides playing football? You can't eat a television or a car! I am studying, and I get paid for that by the club because I am qualifying for a job as coach with Widzew Lodz.

What was your reaction when the federation suspended you for a year?

"At first I didn't care because I was injured and needed a break. But when I was fit again, I got angry. It was frustrating missing every game, especially in the league, because I desperately wanted to win the championship with my club. But that's life."

Poland have four points from two World Cup games. Who do you think will qualify for Spain: Poland or East Germany?

"I feel the group was decided when we defeated East Germany 1-0 at home. I won't

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"It's a good thing. I think the federation was right to change the rules. It doesn't matter who you are playing for but how you are playing. And if Sarmach and Lato are good enough still for the national team, it's correct to select them."

Before you, Lubanski was the best Polish player around — do you compare yourself with him?

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Talking about yourself: you have been banned twice — for the last time?

"No I'm afraid not. I have a temper, and sometimes it's difficult to control it, especially off the field."

"Juventus made an application to my club but that's all I know about it — apart from the fact that my club couldn't release me because only players aged 30 or over can be transferred out of the country."

Did other foreign clubs ask about you?

"I was told that Manchester United wanted to sign me. That was in the autumn 1980 just after we had eliminated United from the UEFA Cup. But honestly I am not interested in playing in Italy or England."

Why not?

"I don't like the way the Italians and the English play. In Italy they concentrate too much on the defence. And in England it's too much kick and rush, but their style is a mixture of the best of English and continental football."

Maybe you don't have any ambition to play as a professional in Western Europe?

"I have, of course. My dream is to play in West Germany — to be the first Polish player in the Bundesliga. I love the West German style."

But you are only 25 and still have to wait more than four years.

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ANDREW DETTIE

Soccer, the world's number one sport, is gaining momentum throughout Australia. It is one of the fastest growing team sports in Australia and the Federation is now one of the largest sports administration bodies in this country. Current trends indicate that the game will continue to grow into one of the biggest participatory sports in the country with players at all levels of junior, youth, senior and professional. This trend is being accelerated with the development of women's and junior girls soccer and the development of indoor soccer, both of which are introducing thousands of new players and followers to the sport. Soccer has two distinct advantages as a sport. The game does not require major financial investment in equipment. In fact very little equipment apart from a ball is required, and the game can be played on virtually any flat space. Additionally, soccer is a minimum physical contact game, resulting in relatively few injuries. In this world, our concern for physical well-being has become more important. This

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The boys' names will also appear in our list of "Hat-trick Heroes", published every week.

This week's hat-trick heroes: Con Kikios, South Oakleigh (no address supplied, so certificates cannot be sent); Jeonard Borg, 12, Andrew Kromek, 12, Darren Traynor, 8, nine goals (Albion Rovers); Ken Radley, 15, Chris Walsh, 15 (West United); Dougie Aitken, 14, Duncan McQuile, 14 (Port Fairy); Scott Ross McLaren, 14 (Petrobe); Scott Phillips, 12 (Beaumaris); Jeff Selman, 15 (West United); Cameron Lockie, 11, four goals; Leonard Fernandez, 11, four goals (Peninsula); Duro Dragan, 8, four goals; Derek Eddie, 8, Adam Downie, 8, Chris Nieuwenhuizen, 10, Barry Wroe, 12 (Boronia).



● This is the Eltham under 13 squad that finished runner-up in NW3 division. Unable to field a full squad early this year and in danger of being disbanded, Eltham completed this season with just twelve players. They kicked 69 goals and were the only team to beat the premiers twice.

The team, coached by Danny Dick is from left standing: M. Harrison, G. Ramsay, D. Dekeling, P. Davis, J. Blaney, S. Becker. Front row: C. Stanyon, R. Ritter, G. McGrath, T. Ciantar, A. Simmons, I. Cartledge.

Victoria's title

Victoria's under 13s, coached by Alan Gentry, overcame extreme heat in Darwin, to win the national

How they finished:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Victoria	5	5	1	15	2	11	
NSW	5	5	1	25	10	10	
Qld	5	4	1	13	8	9	
WA	5	3	1	10	6	8	
SA	5	1	4	11	15	3	
N. NSW	5	1	4	11	11	3	
NT	5	0	0	13	7	0	

The Victorian squad: Capt. Ron Ichlov (Waverley); V. Capt. Greg Brack (Mooroolbark); Robert Cosic (Nth. Geelong); Zagro Basic (Box Hill); Adam Byrne (Mooroolbark); David Healey (Knox); Andrew McCormack (Springvale); Frank Sablino (Fawkner); Anthony Grbac (Essendon); Robert Lubric (Northern); Jack Bacak (Es-

sendon); Alistair Dunkinson (Knox); Tony Narciso (West Utd); Peter Petrakos (Clarinda); Michael Iokindis (Clarinda); Robert Brian (Waverley).

Results: South Australia 1 vs Nth New South Wales 1; Queensland 6 vs Northern Territory 0; Western Australia 0 vs Victoria 2; New South Wales — bye.

Nth New South Wales 1 vs New South Wales 3; South Australia 4 vs Victoria 4; Queensland 2 vs Western Australia 0; Northern Territory — bye.

Western Australia 3 vs New South Wales 4; South Australia 5 vs Northern Territory 0; Nth New South Wales 1 vs Victoria 3; Queensland — bye.

Western Australia 3 vs New South Wales 6; South Australia 2 vs Queensland 4; New South Wales 10 vs Northern Territory 0; Victoria — bye.

Nth New South Wales 0 vs Queensland 1; Victoria 3 vs New South Wales 1; Northern Territory 1 vs Western Australia 3; South Australia — bye.

South Australia 2 vs New South Wales 3; Victoria 0 vs Queensland 0; Northern Territory 0 vs Nth New South Wales 4; Western Australia — bye.

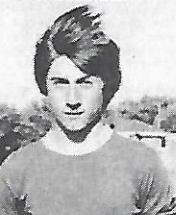
Victoria 3 vs Northern Territory 0; South Australia 1 vs Western Australia 3; Victoria 0 vs Queensland 1; Nth New South Wales — bye.

98 goals

Con Kikios (pictured) of South Oakleigh was only two goals short of scoring a century this year.

Can scored 98 goals in the Victorian Under 14 Combined 3 division.

He also scored four goals in the State team that won the national championship at Mt. Isa.



The Illawarra under 11 team, back row (left to right) Pat Rolat (coach), Michael Del Ben, Geoffrey Good, Jason Higgs, Cesar Garcia, Ian Padewski, Mineo Bonetig, Geoffrey Allport, Donny Martinovski, Doug Troth (manager); front row (left to right) Peter Bott, Mark Troth, Anthony Bott (ball boy), Shane Hawken, Jamie Warren, Steven Bickski, Simon Hull, Chris Curtin.

Illawarra tops

The Illawarra representative team again won the NSW State championships at Cootamundra, defeating the top representative teams from around the State. The team won all five games, scoring 17 goals for and only conceding one goal which was a penalty and finished four points ahead of St George who were runners-up.

Besides the NSW State trophy, each boy received a gold medal mounted on a stand and a special sweater from the sponsor of the championships. The boys were accompanied

by their cheer squad of six girls who were dressed in blue and white cowgirl outfits, a tiny ball boy and a little mascot dog. The boys broke through a coloured barrier onto the field for each game.

After the presentations to the boys, the captain of the team, Jamie Warren (Johnny Warren's nephew) presented gifts to the cheer squad and ball boy.

The boys took with them special books on Wollongong, carrying greetings from the Lord Mayor and town clerk of Wollongong for each team they met and also the Cootamundra Association who staged the championships.

At the State championships, the boys also received their trophy and a silver medallion mounted on a stand for winning the Sydney metropolitan championships. In this competition the boys won every game and scored 53 goals and only conceded 3.

They also won the "A.S. Tanner Memorial Trophy" earlier in the year. This knockout was conducted at St George against top Sydney representative teams and a western districts representative team. For this knockout, each boy received a replica of the large memorial trophy held by St George Budapest soccer club.



Essendon Croatia won the Victorian under 13 Cup by beating North Geelong 4-0 in the final. Croatia's team, pictured above, is, from left, standing: J. Bacak, P. Grbac, G. Jarmenovic, S. Ramljak, I. Ciric, J. Galic, M. Tadinac. Front: T. Calli, A. Juric, A. Grbac, R. Dragovic, I. Keilic, S. Omsel, A. Kolek.

Skill his No. 1 priority

Tasmania's under 15 coach Barry Shacklady, 38, is one of the former greats of Tasmanian soccer.

Manchester-born Barry (pictured) has had plenty of experience of interstate championships. He has coached Tasmanian youth sides at under 14 to under 18 level in carnivals around Australia since 1970. He has coached Olympic in the Tasmanian State League, as well as Dnipro and Metro in Southern Tasmanian leagues.

Shacklady was one of Tasmania's best ever players. He represented the Illawarra district of New South Wales when he first arrived in Australia in the mid-1950s.



strong Cup at one time, as well as for Wilhelmshaven against Polonia in the early 1960s.

He was still playing at senior level earlier this season, scoring the occasional 'classic' goal for Metro-Claremont in the southern Tasmanian Rothmans League Division 1.

Shacklady believes that interstate championships could be much improved. More emphasis should be placed on playing skillful, attractive soccer, rather than on winning at all costs. He supports Eric Worthington's idea of getting interstate boys together in camps for expert coaching in the mornings, with games organised on an 'ad hoc' basis in the afternoons. — WALTER PLESS

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ZIKA NIKOLIC

NA OMLADINSKOM PRAVENSTVU SVETA - SAMPANJ FUTBAL

Na dvema kvalifikacionim utakmicama koje ce odrediti cetvrtfinaliste iz grupe "B" na omladinskom takmicenju za prvenstvo sveta, igranim prosle subote na Olympic Parku u Melbourne, pokazana igra svih reprezentacija morala je da pricini ogromno zadovoljstvo ljubitelja fudbala.

Mladi reprezentativci svih nacija koje ucestvuju pokazali su da su to stasiti, zreli igraci, igraci visokog standarda i klase, i oni koji su utakmicu videli, sigurno ce doći da vide i ostale koje su u Melbourne igrali. Oni, pak, koji utakmicu nisu videli, bolje ce uciniti da iduce ne propuste. Ako ih propuste, propustili su jedno retko zadovoljstvo i imace za cim da zale.

Ne verujemo da je prosle subote, od 16,500 gledalaca bilo jednoga koji je sa Olympic Parka otisao kod nezadovoljan pruzenom igrom ovog letasnog cveta medjunarodnog fudbala.

Kako bi neko mogao da bude nezadovoljan kad se u obema utakmicama, u svih 180 minuta igre, gledao sampanj fudbal: precizno dodavanje, smisljene kombinacije, fino odzimanje lopte, brza igra, stalni napadi i protivnapadi, savrseno baretanje loptom, silovito pucanje na gol, bravurozne odbrane golmana, tako mnogo individualnih virtioznosti, i povrh svega toga, izvanredno fudbalsko sudjenje i vođenje utakmica.

Ovakav fudbal Melbourne davno video nije, a ako ovakvo budu bile i preostale utakmice, ne verujemo da ce se u skorij buducnosti i videti.

Ni dosadnjem internacionalnom utakmica, ni utakmice koje je Australija igrala u Melbourne, ne mogu se uporediti sa ovim utakmicama od prosle subote. Omladinci igrali su klasiu bolju od svojih starijih kolega.

Na takmicenju mogu ucestvovati mladi rodjeni prvog avgusta 1981 godine ili posle tog datuma, a ovi su dvadesetogodinjaci avojom igrom pokazali da su fudbalsko znanje dobro ispekli, da su to igraci koji predstavljaju stvarnu vrednost medjunarodnog fudbala, a sasvim sigurno, i najvece nade zemalja koje su ih izabrali i u Australiju na ovo takmicenje poslate. Sutra u cetvrtak, 8.0.0.0., u prvoj utakmici koja pocinje u 8-30 uvece, sastaju se Juzna Koreja i Brazilija, a u drugoj Italija igra protiv Rumunija.

Iduce nedelje, 11.0.0.0., na Olympic Parku u 3 sata po podne igra se cetvrtfinalna utakmica izmedju pobednika grupe "A" (Brižanske grupe) i drugoplasiranog grupe "B" (Melburnske grupe). Iduce arede, 14. oktobra, Melbourne ce videti poslednju utakmicu ovog takmicenja, polufinale, sa pocetkom 8-30 uvece.

McMILLAN NAJBOLJI IGRAC MAKEDONIJE U 1981. SEZONI

Prosale subota, 3.0.0.0., Preston-Makedonija je u klupskoj seli u Prestonu održala Veliko Zabavno Vece na kome su podeljene nagrade igracima za protekli fudbalsku sezonu. Sala je bila prepuna članova i navijača Makedonija, a klupskoj avasnosti je prisustvovao znacajan broj uglednih postliju, od kojih je najvazniji bio Predsednik Opstine grada Prestona, Gospodin JOHN SMITH.

GEORGE McMILLAN je sa 23 poena oznacen za najboljeg igrača Makedonija u prosloj sezoni i njemu su predati pehar i novcana nagrada koja ide uz pehar, dar Peter Velkour-a. Iza njega su Mr. Robert CULLEN sa 18 i Mike RINEY sa 17 poena.

Nagradu najboljeg strelca, golgetera sezone, osvojio je Peter OLERTON koji je u minulou sezoni postigao 9 golova.

Ni priredili su održane mnoge zdravice i govori, ali je najvazniji bio govor Predsednika opstine Prestona, koji je, cesticajuci Makedonija na uspehu u sezoni (ako se pozicija na dvadesetom mestu ne tabeli moze ametrat i nazvati uspehom), obezao da ce opstina grada Prestona uciniti sve sa svoje strane da klubu pomogne da postane jedan od najboljih klubova u Australiji. Da bi to mogao da bude, G. SMITH je dao obezbanje da ce opstina klubu podici tribine i postaviti svetla koja ce klubu omoguciti odigravanje nocnih utakmica.

Obezanje Predsednika Opstine razgalila su članove i navijače Makedonija. Mi sto imamo gorla iskustva sa datim obezbanjem Opstine Footscray, primamo opstinska obezbanja ne sa jakim dobrom sumnjom, nego potpunim neverovanjem. Znamo, o jos kako dobro nazalod, da ih opstina lako daju, a jos lakse krasi. Bicemo istinski radnici ako se pokazao da su ova obezbanja neosnovana, ako Makedonija u tom pogledu bude bolje areca od bratskega JUST-a, ako ovo obezbanja, tako avasano i pred toklim svetom dade od strane Gospodina JOHN SMITH-a, bude, bez mnogo povlacenja, navlacenja i odugovlacenja, privredeno u delo...

F.I.F.A. snubs 7-goal Cole

FIFA has refused to ratify Gary "Gool King" Cole's seven goals against Fiji as a record.

The Zurich based organisation's Press Director, Rene Courte informed me that they do not keep such statistics and was unable to confirm the feat as the best in World Cup history.

Such details it would seem are solely the concern of fans and statisticians.

Having delved into countless reference books and consulted some of the game's most knowledgeable experts, I am confident that the big Heidelberg striker can claim a niche in the next Guinness Book of Records.

— PAUL MOON

DAVID MILLER

Cup Magic! Football is as much about luck as about ability or application. The luck factor is especially relevant to cup football, in which the rub of the green and the whimsy of the referee's whistle has no time to even itself out the way it does in League soccer. It is axiomatic of many of the great cup ties that the "wrong" team won. It is my contention that cup football is closer (than League soccer) to the ideological objectives of sport.

So writes David Miller, chief sports writer of the Daily Express, who has seen many of the famous cup ties of the last thirty years — F.A. Cup, European Cup, and World Cup. All twenty-four of the memorable matches in this collection are chosen either for some unexpected twist of fortune or for the improbability of their result. Miller has unearthed much new material, talking to players and managers about events behind the scenes.

Sir Stanley Matthews and Tom Finney remember England's grossly inadequate preparations for the astonishing 1950 World Cup against the United States. Stan Mortensen, recalling the "Matthews Final", is emphatic that Bolton threw the game away by two erroneous tactical designs. The author shows that Hungary lost the 1954 World Cup Final because they revealed their strategy and West Germany did not. And Geoff Hurst's second, decisive, extra-time goal in the 1966 World Cup Final was not a goal. These, and many more of the stranger aspects of some of the magical matches which have thrilled millions, are here in this highly individual, often controversial selection.

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KUWAIT FUELS KIWI FLAME

New Zealand may ask soccer's governing body FIFA to provide European rather than Asian referees for the remainder of its World Cup qualifying matches, after its 1-0 victory over China on Saturday.

New Zealand officials were guarded in their comments about Thai referee Vijit Getkaew who controlled this game, the Kiwi's second Asia-Oceania group qualifying match, but World Cup director Charlie Dempsey said thought was definitely being given to an application for European referees.

Newspaper reports claimed Getkaew took an over-strict dislike to the New Zealanders' physical style of play and the Chinese were quick to capitalise on the referee's sympathy. Free kicks favoured China 2-1 overall and two players, one Chinese and one New Zealand, were booked for over-vigorous play.

However, New Zealand coach John Adshad said he felt decisions balanced out. "Nobody received a caution for a bad tackle so the referee clearly knew what was happening," he said.

"The name of the game is intentional, and there was no intentional fouling by my side."

A FIFA inspector, Elmar Jorum of Norway, attended the match but he was not available to comment on the refereeing.

Watching also was Prince Fahad Al-Sabai, president of the Kuwait Football Association, in Auckland for next Saturday's Kuwait-New Zealand qualifier. Kuwait is tipped as the strongest side in the Asia-Oceania group and the side has been in Auckland for eight days to prepare for Saturday's match.

Prince Fahad stoked the after-match fire by saying he felt the Kiwis were unnecessarily physical and he was unimpressed by their general play.

He said Kuwait would not be cowed by New Zealand's aggressive approach. Meanwhile, New Zealand inched closer to the Madrid World Cup Finals next year with its 1-0 victory to take three out of a possible four points from two matches to date. New Zealand and China drew 0-0 in Peking last week.

The Kiwi's only goal on Saturday came a minute before halftime and from a set move designed by coach Adshad to capitalise on deficiencies in

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The US started to use a bit of heavy tackling when it found it could not handle the sheer brilliance of its opponent.

Aguilera, who always was looking for the ball was one of the players to suffer most in this regard, but unlike a lot of South American players, he did not let it put him off his game.

There were many occasions when Aguilera broke away so quickly that he found he had no one up in support and he was intelligent enough to slow things down and hold possession until help arrived.

From the US side, midfielder John Stollmeyer was head and shoulders above most of the others and most of the moves were built around him. He has one of the longest throw-ins I have ever seen but the US tacticians possibly could have told him to use a little more variety.

After he had been lobbing the ball consistently onto the penalty spot, the Uruguayan defenders soon woke up to what they had to do so possibly a couple of near post situations could have been used.

It looked like the Uruguayans would run up a cricket score when they opened up after only five minutes through Lopez Baez but they had to wait until the 60th minute for their second goal.

The first goal resulted from some intelligent play-on tactics from the Spanish referee, who could have blown for a foul seconds before the goal when Francescoli was impeded.

Keeper Arias made the most important save of the match for his team when he blocked a shot from winger Gee. An equaliser then would have brought the Americans right back into the match.

Shortly after, Aguilera and Da Silva each scored within six minutes to seal what had looked an inevitable Uruguayan victory from the start.

Ironically the Americans waited until they were three goals down before they produced their best chances, with Kain and then Devey just not quite up to the task.

It was reported after the game that the Americans were not completely happy with the refereeing and I guess it was a little strange to see a Spanish referee appointed to a match which involved a Spanish speaking team.

with BRUCE WADDELL

Hellas to take on Tassie All-Stars

South Melbourne Hellas will play a Tasmanian All-Stars team in Hobart on Sunday October 11.

The match, which will be played at South Hobart, is certain to attract thousands of Tasmanian supporters, including many of Hobart's Greeks.

Tasmania has achieved two excellent results this year under State Director of Coaching, Steve Darby. The Tasmanian 'State or origin' team defeated a Victorian Youth XI 2-0 in Melbourne, and then defeated a 'Rest of the World' team (composed of 'imports' playing in Tasmanian State League soccer) 1-0.

The All-Stars team is stronger than the 'State of origin' team because it includes some of the State's top 'imports', players of the calibre of Peter Brine (Middlesbrough), Ernie Young (Manchester United), Bruce Ward (19 goals in 15 games) and Ian Parker.

Darby has had several training sessions with his squad and he says that all the players are looking forward to the match and are keen to see how they compare with national league players.

"We're playing against a highly fit and organized team so we're instilling team work into the best eleven players we've got", said Darby.

"We've organized set pieces, both defensive and attacking". The emphasis will be on

attack, according to Darby, and as if to underline this point, his team defeated a Rothmans League representative combination 10-4 last Wednesday night. "It's pointless to defend. We'll try and take the game to them as we've got nothing to lose and everything to gain. It will be an excellent chance to see how our fellows compare with the best in Australia."

The All-Stars squad is: P. and S. Kanegasser, Nunn, Cook, Oakes (Rapid-West Point), Burton, Brine, Young, Ward (Juventus-Pioneer), Burton, Hey, Charlton, Peters, Parker (Brighton-ICL), Thomas (Croatia-Glenorchy) and Conlan (Launceston Juventus).

The occasion also sees the return to Tasmania of Hellas' coach, John Margaritis, who spent a season or two here in the 1960s as coach of Olympia.

— WALTER PLESS.

Scots favorites for five-a-side

Seems that "Soccer Action's" story in last week's issue about Socceroo Promotions and its international five-a-side competition caused a bit of drama among certain sections of the ethnic press.

Not even Mr. Kerry Packer himself could get 12 nations to come here and compete on such a tournament so the journalist who told Soccer-drome that the story in "Soccer Action" was misleading must have one hell of an imagination.

Seems the journalist concerned believed that the story suggested that the competing teams are from overseas, rather than local players representing their country or state of origin.

Scotland has emerged as one of the tournament favorites. Coach Hugh Murney and team manager Joe Docherty have a strong squad vying for the five places available.

Bill Vojtek is in charge of the Croatian team and the England supreme is Ray Poock.

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us. The Italian supporters are very enthusiastic.

His contract runs until the end of the 1983 season. He has a work permit valid until June 1984. "I'm quite happy with Juventus. The club has a future with promising young players such as Fabrizio and Leon Dario. An unsettled team caused by injuries has been the main problem. We've never been able to field our best side since I've been here."

Regarding his goalscoring feats since his arrival, Ward doesn't feel any particular pressure on him. "It's all been happening for me. If I don't score, that's when the pressure will be on."

Ward is not disappointed with the lower playing standards in Tasmania. He enjoys both playing and watching games here. He disagrees with the practice of playing reserve matches prior to first team games because the playing surface tends to get chopped up, especially at this time of the year. There is a real need for better training facilities, more grounds, and better maintenance of existing grounds.

Bruce Ward already has made an impact on Tasmanian State League soccer, and he only has been in the State for eight weeks. Juventus-Pioneer certainly should have no problems in its striking department over the next two seasons with Ward in the line-up!

'Simo' shows 'em

Peter Simonsen, Clive Campbell's replacement in New Zealand's World Cup squad, attempted to break into Australian soccer two years ago and failed.

Simonsen trialed with Brisbane Lions, the club who gave PSL opportunities to fellow Kiwis Phil Dando, Ian Park, Roy Drinkwater, Mark McNaughton and Johan Verweij, but was deemed not good enough.

Since returning to New Zealand he has returned in numerous brilliant performances for his club Gisborne City, and at 22 years of age appears set for a long international career.

Whether Simonsen's lack of success in Queensland illustrates Lions' inability to spot talent or the vast depth Australian soccer enjoys in comparison to New Zealand will only be determined by time — PAUL MOON.

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Οποιοδήποτε όλοι οι φίλοι του κηρύσσονται συμπατριώτες θα δώσουν το παρόν στην δημογή αυτή βραδιά.

ΜΑΕ ΕΠΙΘΕ Ο ΑΝΝ ΜΑΚΕΝΤΥ

Ο τεχνικός του Μέγα Αέν Μακέντυ που δυστυχώς δεν γνωρίζουμε τους λόγους της αποχώρησής του τσέρουν ποιος το πρόσωπο του μερικοί έλληνες αθλητικογράφοι, μάς είπα σχετικά με το κηρύσσονται συμπατριώτες: "Κάναμε ένα έντυπο/αυτός φινις και τα παιδιά βρήκαν τον καλό τους έαυτο". Ήταν όμως άργα για να φθάναμε κοντά στους πρόσωτους.

Έπληση όταν τον ρωτήσαμε πώς βλέπει το έμψυχο όλικο του Μέγα, μάς απάντησε: "Ο Μέγας διαθέτει θαυμάσιους παίκτες αλλά δυστυχώς θα χρειασθούμε για την νέα σεζόν τρεις νέους ποδοσφαιριστές που θα ενισχύσουν την άμυνή μας γραμμή, το κέντρο ως και την επίθεση".

ΧΟΡΕΥΕΙ Ο ΑΕΓΝΙΤΑΣ

Ο ετήσιος χορός του Αεγνίτα θα γίνει στο 540 Σόβου Ρόουιν στο Μπράνσγουϊκ στις 24 του Οκτώβρη.
Πιστεύεται ότι όλοι οι φίλοι του συμπατριώτες θα δώσουν το παρόν.

ΗΤΑ ΑΛΛΟΝΑ

Μετά από την έδραση ομάδων Τρόνιους ή Η-ΣΤ ΑΛΛΟΝΑ και με την βοήθεια όλων των φίλων της περιοχής, θα έδραση και ομάδα με σίνιους για την σεζόν του 1982.
Όσοι παίκτες ενδιαφέρονται, μπορούν να συναντηθούν με τους πρόγονους του συλλόγου στις προπονήσεις που γίνονται κάθε Τρίτη και Πέμπτη στο γήπεδο Γουλιέλμ Μίλλερ και Μπλ Ακσούως Ρόουιν, Νόρβ Αλτόνα.

ΣΟΟ ΑΤΟΜΑ ΕΤΟΝ ΧΟΡΟ ΤΟΥ ΜΑΛΒΕΡΝ

Περισσότερα από 300 άτομα έδωσαν το παρόν στον ετήσιο χορό του Μάλβερν που κέρδισε το πρωτάθλημα της Α' κατηγορίας του Ντίστρικτ Αθήν.

Πρώτος σκόρερ αναδείχθηκε ο Γεωργιάδης, και από την Β' ομάδα οι Μενίδης, Μαυρίδης και Πεντάριος.

Καταληκτική έπιτυχία σημείωσε η διοργάνωση του Μάλβερν που έγινε την Κυριακή και ο ποδοσφαιρικός αγώνας των παλαιμάχων που κηθερώθηκε πλέον να γίνεται κάθε χρόνο.

Μετά από πάρα πολύ καλόν αγώνα η Μικτή παλαιμάχων νίκησε την ισχυρή ομάδα παλαιμάχων του Μάλβερν στην παράταση με 5-4.

"FROM THE PENALTY SPOT"

WARD THE ANSWER TO PIONEER'S PLEA

By WALTER PLESS

Juventus-Pioneer started the season by winning the 'Michael The Tailor' Cup competition. It seemed all set to challenge for top State League honours. And then, things started to go wrong.

The team was hit by injuries to key players, such as Peter Brine and Eric Young, the club's dual coaches, Leon Darko, a young, very talented defender, Colin West and others. Juventus also lacked striking power, especially when Steve Parodi left on a European holiday.

The call went out to England and it wasn't long before Bruce Ward (pictured), a striker from Northern League side Whitty Town, arrived to help ease the club's problems. Ward was top scorer for Whitty Town over the past five seasons and he played there with Brine, Young and Brighton-ICL's Ian Parker.

Ward was a proven performer and just what Juventus needed. Only 24 years old, five feet ten inches in height, and weighing in at just over 12 stone, Ward has done exactly what he was brought here to do. In nine games, he has knocked in twelve goals, give in cup competition and seven in the league, including one hat-trick.

Born in Saltburn, near Middlesbrough, Ward had trials with Middlesbrough,



Rotherham and Aston Villa before signing with Whitty Town. He is finding it relatively easy to adjust to the lower playing standard in Tasmania, retaining his scoring touch despite the poorer service he receives here.

He is used to playing up to 80 games a season (about 50 for Whitty and the remainder in a minor Sunday league team). In his first season with Whitty he scored 40 goals, despite missing 18 games through injury and suspension. He only has had a three week break from soccer since last August.

Ward's wife and baby daughter, like Tasmania. They have settled in well, and, as he says, "The club really looked after

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Coca-Cola Bottlers League
Croatia Sydney 416, St George B.S.C. 391, Melita Eagles 346, Sutherland Shire 314, Manly Warringah 292, Riverwood 282, Auburn 268, 249, Canterbury Marrickville 246, Polonia 229, Bankstown City 209, Inter Monaro 157, North Sydney Inter 157, Parramatta City 155, Avala 143. ** Fielded two grades only.
1st Division
Ku-Ring-Gai 410, Fairy Meadow 368, Wollongong United 340, Blacktown United 328, Sydney Soccer Club 300, Yugal 306, Penrith County 271, Gladesville Ravens 258, Gungahlin United 258, Belmore 222, Revesby Workers 207, North Bankstown 189, Bathurst 175, 167, Warrington 166, University of NSW 150.
2nd Division
Mount Druitt Town 290, Baulkham Hills 265, Marrickville Rockdale 260, North Ryde 246, Leu 259, Campbelltown City 232, De Why 246, Liverpool Albion 220, Bonnyrigg Eagles 211, Gladesville Horsaby Assn. 183, Queens Park Eastern Suburbs 173, Riverston Schofields 140, Lane Cove United 132

Canon CLUB CLOSE-UP STH. MELB. HELLAS



SOCCER ACTION

From left, standing: Jim Shira (from Dundee, 1981), Bertie Lutten (from Sydney City Hawks, 1978), Billy Rogers (APIA, 1978), Branko Buljovic (Melbourne, 1980), Duncan Cummings (Melbourne, 1976), Vince Bannon (Frankston City, 1980), Arthur Xenopoulos (from juniors).
 Front: Roberto Trifficante (from Juventus, 1980), Lou Tsigaras (from juniors), Socrates Nicolaidis (from juniors), Alan Evans (Walsall, England, 1978), Peter Laumata (Macedonia, 1978), Steve Wooddin (Dunedin, NZ, 1981), John Stevenson (Sydney City, 1981).
 Inset: George Campbell (Aberdeen, 1978), Alan Davidson (Altona City, 1978), Steve Blair (Abdon Rovers, 1980).

South Melbourne Hellas led the national league for much of the season but faltered towards the end, with losses to Adelaide City away and Brisbane City at home. That wrecked Hellas's chances, and so the side went to Sydney City Hawks. Nevertheless, it was Hellas's best season in the league so far, and the club is planning to go one better in 1982. Hellas won six Victorian State League titles (62, 64, 65, 66, 72, 74), two Dockerty Cups (74, 75) and three Ampol Cups (69, 70, 76). Past stars include Jim Armstrong, Mike Hendricks, Boles Kamboropoulos, Andrew Rozas, Peter Bourne, Chris Kestelids, John Mergaris, John Bedford, Mike Pye, Steve Walker, Jimmy MacKay and Jim Pygallos.



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